



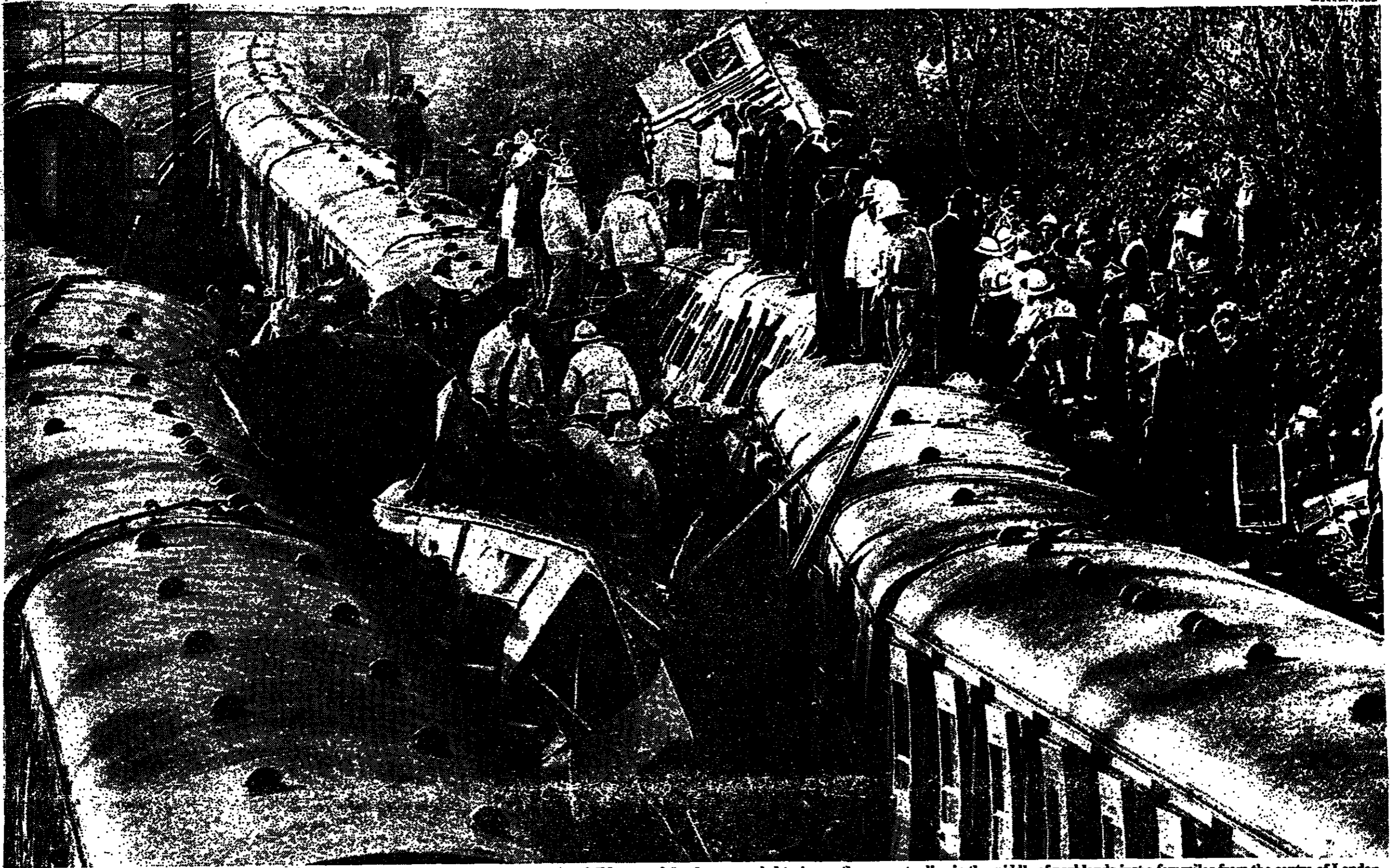
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36 killed and 115 injured in rush-hour triple train pile-up

Signal fault blamed for crash



Death in the rush hour: Firemen, police and ambulancemen slowly and carefully uncover the full horror of the three mangled trains on the commuter line in the middle of parklands just a few miles from the centre of London.

Driver left his cab to report flickering light

By Tony Dawe, Howard Foster, Nicholas Wood and Stewart Tendler

A faulty signal, flickering randomly from red to amber and green, was blamed last night for the triple train crash that killed 36 people and injured 115 near Clapham Junction, south-west London, yesterday.

The driver of a commuter train packed with 906 passengers had stopped to report the fault when an express train carrying 468 people ploughed into the back of it. The front part of the express was reduced to an unrecognizable tangle of metal. Dozens of people in it died instantly.

Some passengers were thrown clear — only to die under the wheels of an empty train that passed by on the next track seconds after the initial impact and was, itself, derailed.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, told the Commons yesterday afternoon that a full public inquiry would be held into the crash. Last night, however, British Rail announced that temporary signals used while a new system was installed on the line were faulty.

"It [was] a technical fault associated with resignalling work in hand," Mr Gordon Pettit, a British Rail senior manager, said. "It [was] not a design error in the new equipment."

The signal, operating between two road bridges short of Clapham Junction on the line into London, should have shown one of four recognized colour combinations.

The colours are red for stop; amber, which means prepare to stop; then double amber and green, which means go ahead. The signal flickered between those colours yesterday.

The Times has learnt that the driver of the 7.18am Basingstoke-Waterloo train stopped to report the fault when the driver of 6.30am express from Bournemouth crashed into the stationary train at 8.13. A witness said the driver fled his cab seconds before impact, only to be killed in the first carriage.

The two rear coaches of the Basingstoke train were hurled into the air and on to an adjoining embankment. As the empty third train hit the wreckage, a guard ran down the line to stop a fourth train adding to the disaster.

Pupils from Emanuel School, overlooking the track, joined local residents and passers-by in helping hundreds of badly shocked passengers. The emergency services, on the scene within five minutes of the crash, found badly mutilated bodies and dozens of people trapped in the wreckage.

It took them four hours to free all the injured, some of whom had limbs amputated at the trackside. The search was still going on

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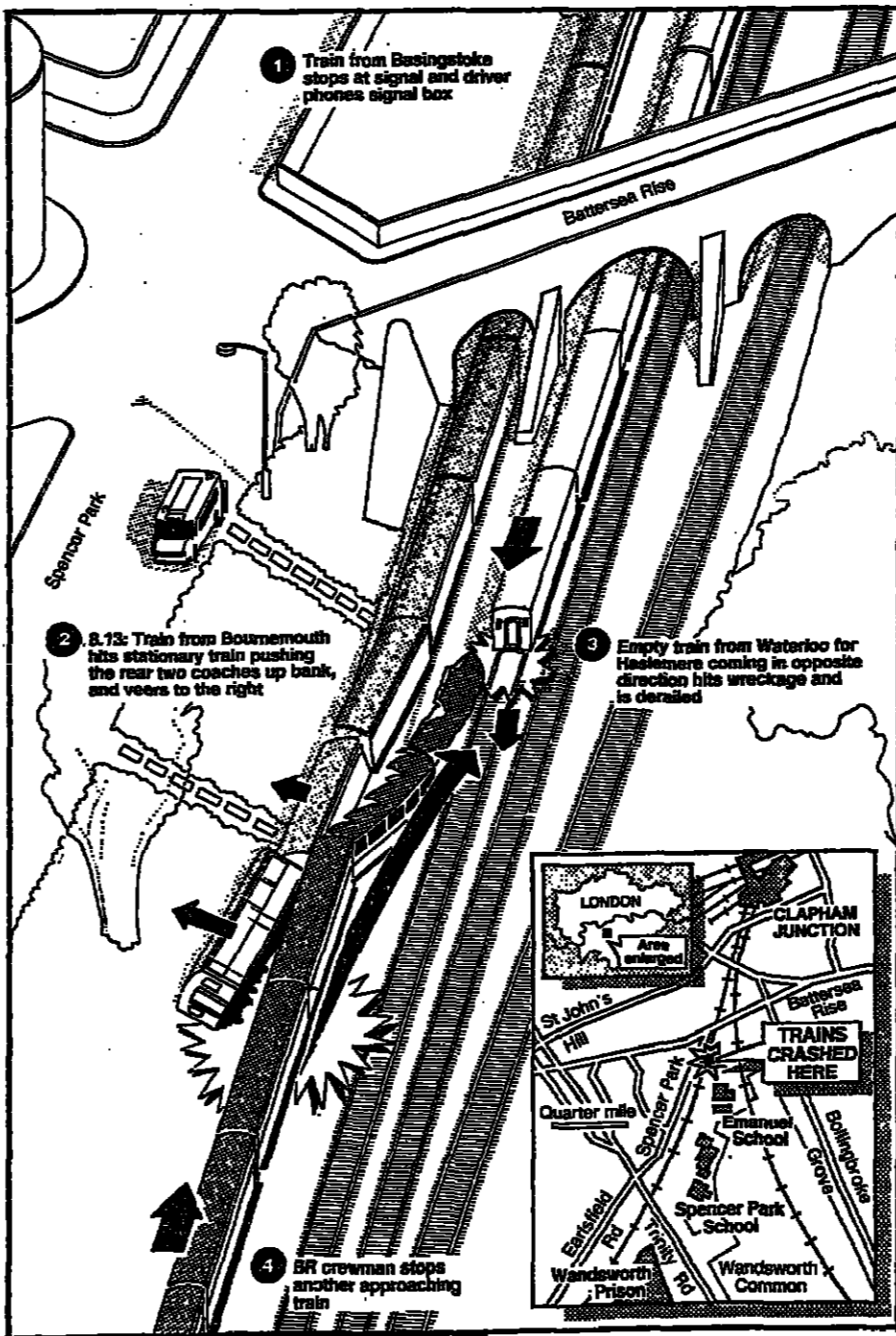
under are lights last night for more bodies. Thermal image cameras, identical to those sent to Armenia to help trace buried earthquake victims, were used.

The scene was described as "sheer bloody hell" by Mr Jim McMillan, assistant chief officer of the London Fire Brigade. Other experienced rescue workers called it the most "horrendous" disaster they had ever attended.

Passengers who escaped gave graphic descriptions of the impact. Mr Ronald Arlette, a Shell UK security chief from Farnborough, Hampshire, who was on the Basingstoke train, said: "There was an almighty bang, like an explosion. The carriage went up and we flew over and over. We ended up on an embankment, halfway up the bank."

"I know it sounds strange, but we just lay there and we had a laugh and a bit of a joke

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Phone number to call

There is only one number for relatives to ring to find out whether someone is alive, in hospital or a casualty, the Metropolitan Police said. It is 01-834-7777. That is also the number for survivors to call, to report that they are all right.

Victims of the train crash came from such a wide area of Southern England that emergency switchboards set up to cope with calls for information were swamped yesterday.

The situation was made worse when incorrect telephone numbers for the main casualty bureau at New Scotland Yard were issued, resulting in a London housewife and a private company receiving scores of calls.

People killed while escaping

By Mark Souster

Some passengers who escaped death in the first horrific impact south of Clapham Junction yesterday died seconds later when an empty train on the next track smashed into the wreckage.

Dr. Robin Winch, who spent all day helping at the scene, said last night that some of the injuries suffered by the dead were "consistent with them being hit by a train" rather than being killed by the impact of the express running into the back of the stationary train.

He said it was impossible to say how many people had died in this way. The scene of the first crash was bordered on one side by a steep concrete bank and on the other by parallel railway lines. Those who could move naturally tried to escape on to the lines rather than up the bank, but some staggered straight into the path of the empty train.

Dr Winch, a family doctor from north-east London and a member of the British Association of Immediate Care Schemes, said: "We understand that people had to try to leave the train after the crash and were hit by an oncoming train."

He added that inside the train "the living and the dead were mixed together and the dead had to be moved to get to the living".

He helped free three people, two men and a woman. He said the two men suffered comparatively minor injuries while the woman, probably aged in her twenties, suffered severe arm injuries. He added that he saw no children

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Quake relief criticized

Pravda launched a stinging attack on the shortcomings of Soviet relief teams at the scene of the Armenian earthquake disaster, comparing them unfavourably with foreign experts helping in the aid effort. At the same time state media continued to carry expressions of grief at the scale of the disaster in which the official death toll stands at over 40,000.

Jenkins jailed Pools firm bid

David Jenkins, the former British Olympic athlete, was jailed for seven years by a court in San Diego, California, after he had pleaded guilty to charges of drug smuggling. Page 38

Advertisement for BOODLE & DUNTHORNE featuring diamond jewelry. It includes a portrait of a woman and several diamond rings with their specifications: 'Diamonds 0.85 carats. £950', 'Square diamonds 1.35 carats. £1275', 'Diamonds 2.30 carats. £2450', and 'Princess diamonds 1.00 carat. £995'. The ad also mentions 'Diamonds 2.25 carats. £2000'. The company address is 58 BROMPTON ROAD, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, LONDON, with a telephone number 01-584 6363. It also lists branches in Liverpool, Chester, and Manchester.

DISASTER AT CLAPHAM JUNCTION



Ambulancemen arriving with one of three victims taken from Clapham Junction to St Stephen's hospital, south-west London, after the disaster.

THE SURVIVORS' STORIES

A bang, 'the carriage tilted and passengers flew over and over'

By Mark Souster and Andrew Moger

Passengers spoke of a normal journey suddenly shattered by an almighty bang and of the carriage tilting upwards and travellers flying "over and over".

When I got up I found out I was lying on somebody. I saw there were a couple of people dead on the other side of the carriage. But all I could do was help a couple of people standing up to throw out the wreckage that was lying around us.

sideways and thrown about. I climbed out through a window.

Mr Stewart McMillan, aged 20, a bank worker, was sitting in the rear of the stationary Basingstoke train, which was rammed. He said: "There was a loud bang and then the seats just collapsed and the walls caved in. I managed to crawl through a window to get out."

Mr Graham Winston, a 34-year-old chartered engineer from Camberley, Surrey, described how the rear carriage of his train was flicked into the air with the impact of the crash.

Mr Paul Fellick, aged 50, a bank administration manager from West End, Woking, Surrey, said he was in the last carriage of the 7.18 Basingstoke train when the express train ploughed into the back of it.

He said: "By rights I should not be here now. It's absolutely remarkable we should have been crushed in a mass of metal but didn't die. I can't believe I'm still alive. I suffered bruised ribs and it's only now that I'm beginning to feel the pain."

"I knew people had died and saw others in a bad way but I couldn't take much of it in. I was in a daze. I was hurled against a window and was curled up in a ball on top of someone."



Some of the injured passengers received trackside help on carriage seats and luggage racks.

RESCUE HEROES

Teacher risks life on live lines

By Howard Foster and Mark Souster

Teachers and children at a Wandsworth private school clambered down to the wreckage of the trains to help survivors.

Two pupils of the Emmanuel School for boys squeezed into the gaps in the wreckage of some coaches to help passengers while others took food and drink to comfort survivors.

Peter Pantechi, aged 14, and Terry Stopani, aged 13, left

teacher at the school, risked his life to help victims. He also organized the boys into a small army of helpers before collapsing from his efforts.

Mr Wybrowe leapt out of his car when he heard the smash as he was driving to the school. He scaled a 6ft chain link fence and sprinted down the embankment. He clambered across the lines, which were still electrified, and climbed on to the carriages.

The countdown to the disaster

By David Sapsted

The timetable of the disaster: 6.30 am: The passenger train which should have left Poole at 6.14 instead leaves Bournemouth for Waterloo because of a minor collision on Sunday. 7.18: A crowded commuter train, also bound for Waterloo, leaves Basingstoke. 8.03: An empty train leaves Waterloo for Haslemere. 8.13: Quarter of a mile from Clapham Junction, the Basingstoke train is stationary between Spencer Park and Wandsworth Common. Train from Bournemouth crashes into its back. Seconds later, the empty train from Waterloo ploughs into the wreckage.

8.15: Guard on the empty train flags down a fourth train, averting further disaster. 8.17: Emergency services are alerted and a "major emergency" plan is put into operation - 120 firemen, 15 fire engines, 28 ambulances and 11 out-patient coaches are dispatched. 8.20: Teams of doctors and nurses from four hospitals are sent to scene. 8.21: First ambulance arrives and starts ferrying the injured to St George's Hospital, Tooting. Others are later taken to St Stephen's, Fulham. 11.40: Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, visits the scene.

Four hours after the crash, the last live casualty is rescued. 12.18 pm: The Prime Minister expresses dismay and promises a full inquiry. 1: St George's reports 42 people admitted for treatment out of a total of 123 taken there from the scene. Three others admitted at St Stephen's. 3.30: Mr Channon makes a Commons statement promising a full, independent inquiry and praising the rescue work. 4.52: Emergency services confirm a total of 36 dead. 5: London Fire Brigade says "it seems all bodies have now been removed".

THE FIREMAN

Six-hour quest for trapped survivors

By David Sapsted

Sub-officer Vijith Randeniya had known nothing like it. For six hours, he and many of his 150 London Fire Brigade colleagues clambered through the twisted metal searching desperately for survivors. "I carried out four people. They were all dead. Their injuries were horrific. I saw other victims in there - their condition was unlike anything you could imagine," the Lambeth officer said.

get to the scene. He said, however, that as he crawled through the wreckage, he came across one image that would remain with him for the rest of his life. "But I will not... cannot tell you what it was. It was, simply, too horrific." Jim McMillan, Assistant Chief Officer of the London Fire Brigade, described the scene as "sheer bloody hell."

THE POLICEMAN

'Nastiest thing I have dealt with'

By Andrew Moger

PC Fraser Shaw found one man alive as he and a colleague crawled beneath the wreckage of two coaches crushed together. The other two people he found were both dead. "Even the man we found had to have both legs amputated. Yes, it was nasty; while we were in there we did not see one complete body," said the 29-year-old officer from the Metropolitan Police's 6th Tactical Support Group.

what." The police moved in after most of the injured had been rescued by fire officers and ambulance men. Inspector Louisa Elliston said: "It was our job to take the bodies out to the mortuary. It was the worst disaster I have ever dealt with." Police said the number of bodies in a temporary mortuary in the ex-servicemen's club at the scene was 34 and that two people died later at hospital.

THE AMBULANCEMAN

Teams united in their grim task

By Andrew Moger

The senior ambulance officer at the scene, Mr Hugh Chambers, said the three emergency services had united in their grim task with cool efficiency. By the end of the day-long operation in the tangled wreckage his crews had seen more than 30 bodies taken from the scene.

tissue." The severed arms and limbs and mutilated bodies of the victims were close by as his crews helped the medical teams. Mr Chambers praised firemen for swift action in cutting away the undergrowth which enabled large numbers of the slightly injured and shocked to get quickly out of the area. The passengers who were able to help themselves out of the wreckage, he said, were to be praised for doing precisely what they were told in a calm and unpanicked fashion.

THE DOCTOR

Trackside mission to save the injured

By Andrew Moger

The doctor in charge of the medical operation at the scene gave a grim account of the terrible injuries suffered by some of the victims (Andrew Moger writes).

Most had either fractures or crushing, and a number of people had to have their spleens removed, said Mr Paul Calvert, orthopaedic surgical consultant to St George's Hospital, Tooting, south London. Small teams of medical staff and ambulance men stayed with them while rescuers fought to get them out, he said. "Many were trapped under fairly huge pieces of metal. One of them was under a coupling bogey. One does not want to see that sort of scene ever again in one's life," Mr Calvert said.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Last Wearside ship is launched

The last ship built on the Wear was launched last night in a subdued ceremony at North East Shipbuilders in Sunderland. There was no band, no toasts and no celebrity to perform the ceremony. Instead, Mr David Rawlings, the company's berth manager, pulled the lever that sent the £5 million ferry down the slipway and into the river.

The launch at the company's Southwick yard effectively brought to an end the tradition of shipbuilding on Wearside going back more than 600 years. The closure of the yard with the loss of 2,400 jobs was announced last week by Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Trade and Industry.

The ferry launched last night was part of an original order for 24 such vessels built under a contract which eventually collapsed, partly contributing to the company's demise. A total of 14 have been built but only two sold. The vessel launched last night will join its 11 sister ships at anchor in the Wear waiting for a buyer.

Protest confusion

The Post Office said yesterday that thousands of counter and clerical staff ignored their union's call for a national 24-hour stoppage, which enabled more than 60 per cent of all Crown offices to remain open for business. However Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said reports reaching his union showed there was "a magnificent response" to the strike call - as much as 90 per cent in some towns.

Pay rise uncertainty

Long-term pay negotiations are being affected by uncertainty over the rise in inflation as unions either demand inbuilt cost-of-living guarantees or an immediate return to a one-year deal, according to a report published yesterday. Income Data Services says long-term deals have lost their popularity with unions and employers.

Bank raid charges

Two men and a woman were remanded in custody until next Monday at Liverpool Magistrates' Court yesterday in connection with the Preston bank robbery. Len Newsham, of Waresley Road, Fazakerly, and Kevin Leary, of Coleshill Road, West Derby, both Liverpool, both aged 23, were jointly accused of robbing Mr Roger Ball of cash and travellers' cheques worth more than £500,000 on September 14. Sharon Crawford, aged 19, of Elstead Road, Liverpool 9, was accused of dishonestly handling £6,900 stolen cash belonging to the National Westminster Bank.

Keays wins libel case

Allegations that Miss Sara Keays, the former mistress of Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, set out to "destroy" him were withdrawn in the High Court yesterday. Miss Keays also won an apology for libel from Peter Jenkins, the author, and Jonathan Cape, the publishers, over the allegations in the book Mrs Thatcher's Revolution. They apologized for the distress caused by the offending passage, agreed to omit it from any future reprint, and also to pay her legal costs.

Football Bill limited

Ministers are expected to drop legislative plans allowing a compulsory football membership scheme to be extended to other sports if necessary. The football spectators' Bill, pencilled in for publication next week, is now likely to be limited to the 92 Football League grounds. The original idea of Mr Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, was to table legislation that could be used to order the licensing of other named sporting venues. However, government sources, confirmed yesterday that the practical problems of providing for such a "general power" were too great.

Hattersley questions Hurd's 'political will'

Labour attacks record on crime

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, yesterday accused the Government of eroding the freedom of Britons to walk the streets without fear of attack.

He condemned the Government's record on crime, saying it had fostered a climate which was conducive to an increase in violence, both on the streets and in the prisons.

Mr Hattersley, speaking at a consultative meeting organized for Labour's policy review, was strongly critical of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary. He doubted if he had the political will to bring in the necessary reforms.

Party strategists believe

Fourteen young people went to the Home Office yesterday to advise Mr John Patten, Minister of State, and the Government how to curb crime. They want schools to do more, advertisements for alcohol to have the equivalent of a "health warning", and the influence of bad parents and other criminal youngsters to be undone. They all knew someone who had committed a crime or drunk too much but, when asked what stopped them getting into trouble, all 14 had one thing in common - a

good home. At times it was harder for Mr Patten to get in a word in his room at the Home Office than during exchanges at the Commons, so eager were his young advisers to boost government effort. The message seemed to be that no one their age listened much to ministers - they only listened to other teenagers - and the language the government used for its message was tired, lacked punch and was poorly aimed. The pupils, aged 14 to 18, represented junior crime prevention panels.

that, for the first time in many years, Labour is in a position to win the political battle over crime because of the breakdown in law and order in some cities.

Mr Hattersley, whose policy group is expected to come up with proposals for a much wider range of non-custodial sentences and for more resources to go to the police, said he agreed with Mr Hurd

from confident that Mr Hurd would have the political will to introduce effective measures on non-custodial sentencing and parole.

He spoke of Mr Hurd's "frantic pursuit of experiments and pilot schemes, rather than substantial reforms".

His technique was to create an illusion of activity. "The courage of the Home Secretary

is now under close scrutiny", he said.

Mr Hattersley said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher spoke of her government's duty to provide the citizen with the freedom to walk the streets without fear or attack.

"As with so many other freedoms it is, in Britain today, an illusion. In truth it is another freedom which this government has eroded."

"The Government's record on crime is abysmal. No one doubts that we are less well protected than we were 10 years ago."

The Government had no answer to the " remorseless rise in crimes of violence, up by 17 per cent in 1987, by 15 per cent again in the first quarter of 1988 and set to rise again according to figures to be released later this week.

Lawson and Owen join by-election

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will visit Epping Forest this morning, just two days before a by-election that has been dominated by concern over rising mortgage rates.

He will not, however, meet any voters in this affluent constituency, where the average mortgage is £50,000. He is to attend the morning press conference of Mr Steven Norris, the Conservative candidate.

Opposition parties have little doubt that Mr Lawson would have been produced as the Tories' trump card had the economic outlook been rosy. Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic Party leader, argued yesterday that there was "general dissatisfaction" among the constituencies' Conservative voters who were ready to fire a shot across the Government's bows by switching support on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the contest is beginning to show unaccustomed signs of life, with the four main candidates hurling claims and counter claims and heated allegations about their opponents' tactics.

Mr Norris asserted that he would win by "a sizeable majority". His opponents

each claimed to have established themselves as his main challenger and to have detected significant surges of support over the weekend.

Arguably the most reliable indicator of their relative strengths was the fact that Mr Norris spent much of his press conference attacking the Democrats while playing up the performance of both Labour and the SDP. Mr Norris said the more evenly split the non-Tory vote, the larger his majority would be.

Mr Andrew Thompson, the Democrats' candidate, attacked Mr Norris for his "weasel words" over the future of St Margaret's Hospital in Epping and claimed Labour's campaign had "ground to a halt".

Mr Michael Pettman, the SDP candidate, condemned Mr Thompson's "cheap tactic" of suggesting St Margaret's faced closure.

Mr Stephen Murray, the Labour candidate, brought in Mr Andrew Smith, the Labour MP who ousted Mr Norris in Oxford East at the general election.

General election: Sir John Biggs-Davison (C) 31,536; Mr Anthony Humphris (SDP-All) 10,023; Mr Stephen Murray (Lab) 9,499; R Denbard (Green) 695. Majority: 21,513.



A voter confronting Dr Owen and Mr Pettman, SDP candidate, in Epping market yesterday

Damages call after poisoned egg claim

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent

The National Farmers' Union is to demand "tens of millions of pounds" in compensation for the damage done to the egg industry by Mrs Edwina Currie's statement 10 days ago that eggs were contaminated by salmonella poisoning.

Mr Simon Gourlay, the union president, has put forward a seven-point package to restore consumer confidence in eggs and to compensate producers for the losses they have suffered.

The union is seeking compensation for producers for market losses, compensation for the destruction of infected laying birds or eggs, and steps to minimize reinfection, including controls on imports. The package also calls for a programme backed by the Government to control salmonella, and more funding for research.

In addition, Mr Gourlay wants a contribution towards promotional advertising to restore normal levels of consumption.

"Unless we have immediate action, millions of healthy birds and hundreds of millions of eggs will have to be destroyed unnecessarily; producers will go out of business with many job losses, and there will be severe repercussions in many parts of the industry", Mr Gourlay said.

He said the Government should not underestimate the producers, who were "vitriolic" about what had happened and determined to seek recompense.

The union said orders had declined by up to 70 per cent. Producers had more than 300 million unsold eggs, with a top retail value of nearly £30 million, and the numbers were growing by 20 million a day.

Water pledge

Householders will get £5 a day if a privatized water company fails to restore supply, and £5 each time it fails to answer a query properly, Mr Michael Howard, minister responsible for water privatization, told the National Consumer Council yesterday.

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Staff crisis sends legal pay soaring

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The recruitment crisis in the legal profession is driving up City solicitors' salaries at a rate which neither regional firms nor the public sector can match, according to a report today.

It also shows that solicitors' pay is rising well ahead of those in other jobs. The survey, by Hay Management Consultants, found that a newly qualified solicitor in central London earning £19,511 would receive only £14,290 if he worked in the West Midlands.

The survey, based on data from 183 companies, firms and public sector organizations, shows that nationally there are also sharp differences between the commercial and professional sectors, and the public sector.

In the private sector - commerce and industry - a newly qualified solicitor's salary would typically be £19,591, while in a professional firm it could be £18,142.

However, in the public sector a comparable job would be paid only £15,765.

Mr Robert Mosley, principal of Hay Management Consultants, said: "The increase in demand for solicitors has resulted in the profes-

sional sector adopting far more aggressive recruitment at universities".

The public sector, such as the Crown Prosecution Service and the government legal service generally, has suffered badly, with both recruitment and retention either difficult or impossible, he said.

Base salary increases over the past 12 months nationally have averaged 10.2 per cent for trainees, 10.4 per cent for newly qualified solicitors, and 11.8 per cent for more senior solicitors.

That compares with a national base salary increase for all jobs of 7.5 per cent, although in the professional sector salaries have leapt by 20 per cent, a sign of the intensely competitive market, the consultants say.

Solicitors' article clerks are still paid less than the national average. The median (middle point taking all respondents in the survey) pay is £9,427, compared with a median of £10,210 for all comparable jobs.

However, the middle-point salary of newly qualified solicitors throughout the country is £17,175, some 14.9 per cent above the median of £14,951 for all jobs. For a solicitor with

three to five years' experience the middle-point salary is £21,800 compared with £19,730 in all jobs; and for a senior managing solicitor with eight to 10 years' experience it is £28,925, compared with £26,083 in other jobs.

But those salaries increase rapidly as experience is gained, relative to those offered in other jobs.

The salary levels of those with three to five years' post-qualification experience range from £18,911 to £25,731, while pay for solicitors with eight to 10 years' experience ranges from £24,724 to £34,552.

The growth of legal firms is most rapid outside the South-east and outer London, according to an independent study of 170 practices supported by the Law Society.

The survey, by Interfirm Comparison, shows the growth rate in 1987-88 was highest in the Midlands at nearly 30 per cent; followed by the North of England, central London, the South-west and Midlands, which had an overall growth rate of 25 per cent.

However, in the South-east and outer London, growth was below 20 per cent.

Pastoral staff fit for a bishop

HOWARD BARLOW



Mr Steven Kime, a joiner, from Romiley, near Stockport, Greater Manchester, finishing a pastoral staff which was made for the Right Rev Frank Sargeant, Bishop of Stockport. The staff consists of hazel wood and ram's horn, while the cross is fashioned from walrus tusk. Mr Kime received the commission after the bishop saw an altar rail he made for a local chapel.

Truancy rate cut by business in classroom

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

A pioneering scheme to bring the world of commerce into the classroom has brought about a dramatic reduction in levels of truancy, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr Chris Botten, deputy headmaster of Walworth School, south London, said attendance rates among pupils aged 15 had jumped from 80 to 95 per cent since the opening of "The World of Work" within the comprehensive school.

The £50,000 business suite is the result of a partnership between the school, 16 companies and the North Peckham Inner City Task Force. Pupils are encouraged to work alongside company executives on a new GCSE business and information studies course.

The project, which was officially opened yesterday by Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has already proved popular with pupils. This year 106 of the school's 190 fourth-year pupils have opted to study in the suite.

Mr Botten said the project had improved the self-confidence of pupils.

Decision on Ryan is expected today

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Northern Ireland ministers are bracing themselves for a stormy week in Anglo-Irish relations with the Dublin government expected to decide today on the British extradition request for Father Patrick Ryan, the alleged IRA terrorist.

There is mounting speculation in Dublin that Mr John Murray, the Irish attorney general, will not extradite Father Ryan.

Such a decision would infuriate Mrs Thatcher and lead to calls from Tory and Unionist MPs for a British re-assessment of extradition arrangements with Ireland.

The Irish government's handling of British demands for Father Ryan has received widespread public support according to an opinion poll published in yesterday's *Irish Times* that gives the governing Fianna Fail party its highest rating since the 1987 general election.

The poll also gave Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, his highest personal rating. It showed that 62 per cent of the electorate are satisfied with his performance as premier.

The extradition issue will dominate a planned midweek Anglo-Irish conference meeting in Belfast between Mr Tom King, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish foreign affairs minister.

At the meeting Mr Lenihan will urge Mr King to use Irish extra-territorial legislation to prosecute wanted paramilitaries in courts in Ireland, rather than seek extradition.

Father Ryan, a Roman Catholic priest, is wanted in London on alleged terrorist charges connected with 185 IRA bombings. Mr Murray has spent 17 days examining the warrants and the supporting memorandum from his British counterpart, Sir Patrick Mayhew.

According to Dublin sources, Mr Murray is sceptical that there is enough evidence to convict Father Ryan and also doubts whether the priest will be prosecuted in London on the charges in the warrants.

Under the Irish 1987 Extradition Act, the attorney general has to satisfy himself before clearing a warrant that there is "sufficiency of evidence" against a wanted man and that he will be prosecuted on the original charges.

The warrants did not satisfy the Belgian authorities who rejected a British extradition request for Father Ryan.

Even if Mr Murray clears the warrants and gives permission for the case to proceed to a district court, the extradition could be blocked by Mr Gerry Collins, the Irish minister of justice, on the ground that Father Ryan is unlikely to get a fair trial in Britain.

Several Fianna Fail politicians and opposition party leaders have claimed that British press coverage of the Father Ryan affair have prejudiced the case against the priest.

Mr King will ask Mr Lenihan to explain why Father Ryan has not been held in custody since the warrants were sent from London.

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ALL MERCHANDISE IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. SOME LINES ARE AVAILABLE AT LARGER BRANCHES ONLY.

Attenborough unveils EEC fund for writers

Sir Richard Attenborough, the director, launched the European Script Development Fund yesterday in Brussels (Andrew Billen writes).

He said the £1.5 million project funded by the European Commission would take the risk out of script development for up to 100 writers and producers a year.

From January anyone may submit a 15-page treatment for an idea for a film or television series to the fund's headquarters at the British Film Institute in London.

The fund headed by Miss

Renee Goddard, a senior executive from Channel 4, will pick ideas with a commercial potential and award up to £27,000. If the film is made the fund will be the first to recoup its loan. If it is not, the amount will be written off.

Sir Richard, director of *Gandhi* and *Cry Freedom*, told the launch it was a tragedy that original scripts from new writers were a "rare and precious commodity".

He said the project was a wonderful opportunity for independent writers, producers and directors.

Trust rebuke over building designs

By John Young

The low standard of building design that has accompanied recent economic growth and the boom in the construction industry was condemned yesterday by the Civic Trust.

Introducing a report on its 1988 awards, Mr Martin Bradshaw, the trust's director, said that for the second year in succession assessors had been concerned about the low standard of entries.

Nearly a third of the assessors had expressed disappointment, and their comments ran from "unexceptional" to "appalling".

The mediocrity could even be seen in the precinct of national monuments, where the apparatus of planning control and the advice of bodies such as the Royal Fine Art Commission should have

produced better results. Local planning authorities remained under great pressure to reduce the alleged economic burden of delay, and were ceaselessly reminded that the trivial business of aesthetics was something for which others were responsible, Mr Bradshaw said.

There was a feeling that much of what was being built or rebuilt was mediocre, and that the circumstances in which the present construction boom was taking place might not be conducive to high standards.

Out of 993 entries for the 1988 scheme, there were 24 awards and 126 commendations.

The scheme was funded by a £50,000 grant from the Legal & General Group.

THE ARMENIA EARTHQUAKE

Emotional words and poems help Russians unite in grief

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow
Nations have different ways of expressing their collective grief. Russians tend to the hyperbolic.

particularly harrowing film sequence. Mr Gorbachov and his wife have been seen listening with evident concern and sorrow to the complaints of local people.

By a Russian poet who began by quoting lines of Armenian verse: "Before whom shall I open the casket of my constant sorrows, to whom shall I show my fresh gaping wounds?"

also been news reports of unusual immediacy. Detailed news stories and vivid pictures of the rescue efforts and the survivors have appeared daily on the front pages of official newspapers.

thing, anything, to lift the slabs with. The correspondent for the Moscow evening paper quoted one rescue worker as saying: "Spitak has simply ceased to exist. It has been wiped off the face of the earth."

were trained to write, and recording only what they see. "On the roadsides," one special correspondent wrote, "you see people with all their goods and chattels, bundles, pillows, mattresses, and furniture they have somehow managed to save."

an extra day on Saturday - a Soviet practice known as a subbotnik. All the proceeds were earmarked for the national disaster fund.

Pravda broadside at aid effort as second jet crashes

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The crash of a second aircraft carrying medical supplies to Armenia has brought further criticism of the Soviet Union's handling of the earthquake relief operation.

periods, he said. When both airports were working to capacity, he added, planes were diverted.

"observers" to give advice? The French co-ordinated their activity, Pravda said, while the Russians had their specialists in one area, their dogs somewhere else and the equipment somewhere different.

light. Another 10 doctors are standing by. Six Kent fire officers also left for Armenia yesterday to join three London firemen already working there.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Moscow defence policy changes

The Soviet Union would fight a conventional war in Europe by remaining on the defensive for from 20 to 30 days before counter-attacking across Nato borders, according to new military thinking in Moscow.

Belgrade bid for EEC

Belgrade (Reuters) - The secretary of Yugoslavia's Communist Party Politburo, Mr Stefan Korosec, has proposed that the country should apply for membership of the European Community.

Bardot eludes Walesa

Paris (AFP) - A regretful Mr Lech Walesa waving goodbye to Paris yesterday, left, after failing to meet Brigitte Bardot, the former French actress.

Anti-Aids drug claim

Stockholm (Reuters) - Swedish researchers said yesterday they had developed a new drug which they described as an important breakthrough in the fight against Aids.

Hess extortion claim

Berlin (AP) - Police have arrested two Britons who allegedly tried to sell the Nazi uniform of Rudolf Hess and other belongings of Hitler's former deputy to his son.

Moscow appeals for more equipment and drugs

By Andrew McEwen and Ian Murray. The huge world response to the Armenian earthquake continued yesterday, but the Soviet authorities emphasized the need for equipment and drugs rather than more rescue workers.

Britons donate more than £1m to relief effort

By David Rowan. The British public had given well over £1 million to Armenian relief funds yesterday morning, as volunteers worked around the clock to collect cash and credit card gifts.

Forecasting ruled out for many years to come

By Robert Matthews Technology Correspondent. The prospect of earthquake warnings to avoid severe loss of life is still years away.

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A new death squad adds to Sri Lanka's pre-election chaos

From Edward Gorman, Colombo

A new underground death squad is being blamed for a dramatic increase in political killings as Sri Lanka's most important presidential election since independence enters its final stage.

Unconfirmed reports yesterday put the death toll for Sunday night and early Monday at 67, making it the highest total for a 24-hour period in the campaign.

A total of 38 killings were reported in the southern coastal towns of Matara and Galle, and five bodies were found dumped on roadsides in the fishing community of Hambantota near by.

In one incident near Ambalangoda, also in Southern province, suspected Sinhalese extremists launched a hand-grenade attack on the home of a ruling United National Party supporter, killing eight members of a family.

The Janata Vimukti Peramuna (People's Liberation Front), a Sinhalese nationalist movement committed to the overthrow of President Jayewardene's Government, has been waging a campaign of assassination, which has claimed the lives of more than 700 government supporters since July last year.

But analysts here say a new death squad — the so-called People's Revolutionary Red

Army — is responsible for many of the latest killings in the south and central areas of the island. The targets, in what is seen as an attempt to avenge the slaughter of recent months, are almost exclusively members of the JVP.

In Matara, where the pre-election crisis has been particularly acute, an estimated 50 people have died in the past week. Posters lying beside many of the bullet-riddled or burnt bodies normally dumped early in the

Colombo (AP) — Sinhalese extremists of the People's Liberation Front yesterday warned newspapers not to print anything about the election, a spokesman for the four main publishers said. The warning came in leaflets delivered to the publishers by the Front. But the publishers would defy the warning, the spokesman said.

morning in the town read: "This is the punishment meted to JVP men for killing innocent people".

Police and army officers in the town describe the killings as "acts of anti-subversive elements". They deny any connection with, or knowledge of, the Red Army.

But independent observers are convinced the new death

squads must be linked in some way to the security forces. They say that the Red Army's activities have been marked by unusual professionalism and discipline, and that although most of the killings have taken place during curfew hours, no suspect has been arrested.

Some believe the Red Army has been organized by the Government to hit back at its political opponents and are linking it with the police commando unit known as the Special Task Force. This elite group was trained by British mercenaries in the early 1980s and helped to subdue the Tamil Tiger separatist guerrillas in Eastern province before Indian troops arrived last year. The unit's officers deny any link, saying it is on special duty in Colombo.

Others link the Red Army with the Sri Lanka Mahajana (People's) Party led by underdog presidential candidate, Mr Ossi Abeygoonasekera. They say it may have been formed to protect Mr Abeygoonasekera and his supporters from recent attacks on their rallies by the JVP.

The JVP, unbowed by the killings, has called for strikes, or hartals, in protest against the election throughout this week and a boycott of next Monday's poll.

Bail for five blacks accused of treason



Mr Moses Mayekiso, the prominent black South African trade union leader, leaving the Johannesburg Supreme Court with his wife Kola yesterday, after he was unexpectedly released on bail of 10,000 rands (about £1,300).

Mr Mayekiso is charged with treason along with four other men who were each granted bail of 5,000 rands. The five have been in custody for up to 30 months, often in solitary confinement (AP reports).

The charges arise from the alleged attempted political takeover of Alexan-

dra, the black township adjoining Johannesburg. The trial was adjourned last month until February.

Sanctions pressure Strong pressure for further political and economic sanctions against South Africa is building up in Europe, according to a group of leading Afrikaner businessmen who have returned home after a tour of four capitals, including London (Ray Kennedy writes).

At the same time, two influential American Democratic senators have left South Africa questioning the Govern-

ment's desire for dialogue with blacks "when they are locking up the next generation of leaders".

Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services committee, and Senator David Boren, chairman of the Senate select committee on intelligence, said they would adopt a wait-and-see stance on sanctions on their return home.

They said President Botha had given them no reason to believe that radical change was imminent or that Nelson Mandela was about to be released.

Latin America tackles its debts

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Ministers from seven Latin American countries met here yesterday to discuss strategies to reduce the huge amount of foreign debt that has virtually halted economic growth in the region and endangered recently established democratic governments.

The meeting of ministers from countries known as the Group of Eight is being held against a background of demands for significant debt relief for Latin American and other Third World countries.

Seven countries were represented: Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, Venezuela and Colombia. Panama, the eighth country in the group, dropped out last year due to the political turmoil there.

Altogether the seven countries owe foreign creditors \$350 billion (£189 billion), about a third of the total Third World debt, according to the International Monetary Fund.

Many leaders were heartened last week when President Gorbachov called for a moratorium of 100 years on repayment of Third World debts during his speech to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In addition, political shifts throughout the region have increased pressures for a more forceful approach to the debt crisis which creditors and debtors alike have, for the most part, treated gingerly for the last six years.

One approach under consideration is for debtor countries to turn old debt into new bonds or securities.

These could be backed by guarantees from industrialized countries or the World Bank. Creditors would be repaid according to the full value of these debt securities, but accept lower interest.

Another proposal would be to use funds of the IMF or World Bank to buy up a large portion of Third World debt at a market "discount".

In each case the banks would have to accept a loss on a portion of their credits, but at least they would be assured of receiving something for their loans.

González faces challenge of first general strike for 50 years

By Philip Jacobson

An increasingly bitter confrontation between the Socialist Government of the Spanish Prime Minister, Señor Felipe González, and the country's main trade union will culminate in Spain's first general strike for more than half a century tomorrow.

Since the protest against government employment policies is intended to last only 24 hours, the damage to Europe's most thriving economy should be minimal.

The most keenly felt effect on the public will probably be the cancellation of the scheduled league football matches because members of the Spanish Players' Association are to hang up their

boots for the day. Yet on both sides of the divide there is a clear realization that far more is ultimately at stake.

The after-effects of what may yet turn out to be a violent affair could significantly affect domestic politics just as Spain is preparing to take the international stage with its first term as president of the EEC.

While Señor González is understandably touchy about anything that mars the country's image abroad at a moment of such great significance for the "new" Spain — which has also taken its seat in Nato and joined the Western European Union in the past few weeks — his pressing concern must be the sharp deterioration in relations with the Socialist Party's own

General Workers' Union. Despite the long-standing fraternal link, the union's determined leader, Señor Nicolás Redondo, has been masterminding the build-up to tomorrow's strike.

The fact that Señor Redondo was once one of the Prime Minister's inner circle and a valued mentor and friend only adds spice to their impending clash.

Behind this serious collision is the recent breakdown in relations arising from the union's stern opposition to the Government's plans to introduce a highly controversial scheme for providing employment for school-leavers.

To the unions, this measure — essentially enabling companies to obtain an official subsidy by taking

on youngsters at the minimum wage — is a device providing employers with a golden opportunity to replace workers with cheaper labour which can later be discarded as required.

The crux of the present argument is whether the proposed scheme will eventually increase employment.

Among the dazzling statistics of economic growth which pour out of Madrid is the Government's claim to have been creating nearly a thousand jobs a day for much of 1988.

Yet, by any standards, Spain's unemployment rate of nearly 20 per cent is the worst in Western Europe, roughly double the average for EEC members, even taking

account of the large and sophisticated "black" economy.

But an even more worrying statistic is that about 200,000 young Spaniards are entering the job market annually from school. In the early 1990s this is expected to leap to 650,000.

A few months ago Señor González received an official report advising that the only way out of this extremely worrying corner was a combination of continued high economic growth linked to curbs on pay rises and a great deal more "flexibility" in the labour market.

Señor Redondo disagreed vehemently. The Socialist hierarchy, in turn, has reacted angrily to the strike call.

Señor Redondo is accused of

being a tool of the extreme right, and there are threats of legislation to confiscate union funds.

There are also officially inspired leaks about Señor González contemplating an early general election, should Spanish workers respond to the strike call in large numbers.

To some observers, the Prime Minister's fierce reaction reflects the fear that a successful strike tomorrow could usher in a long and difficult winter of discontent that might seriously harm Spain's continued economic growth.

Others believe he would have been better advised to ignore the whole thing, leaving the increasingly frustrated unions to blow off a bit of steam.

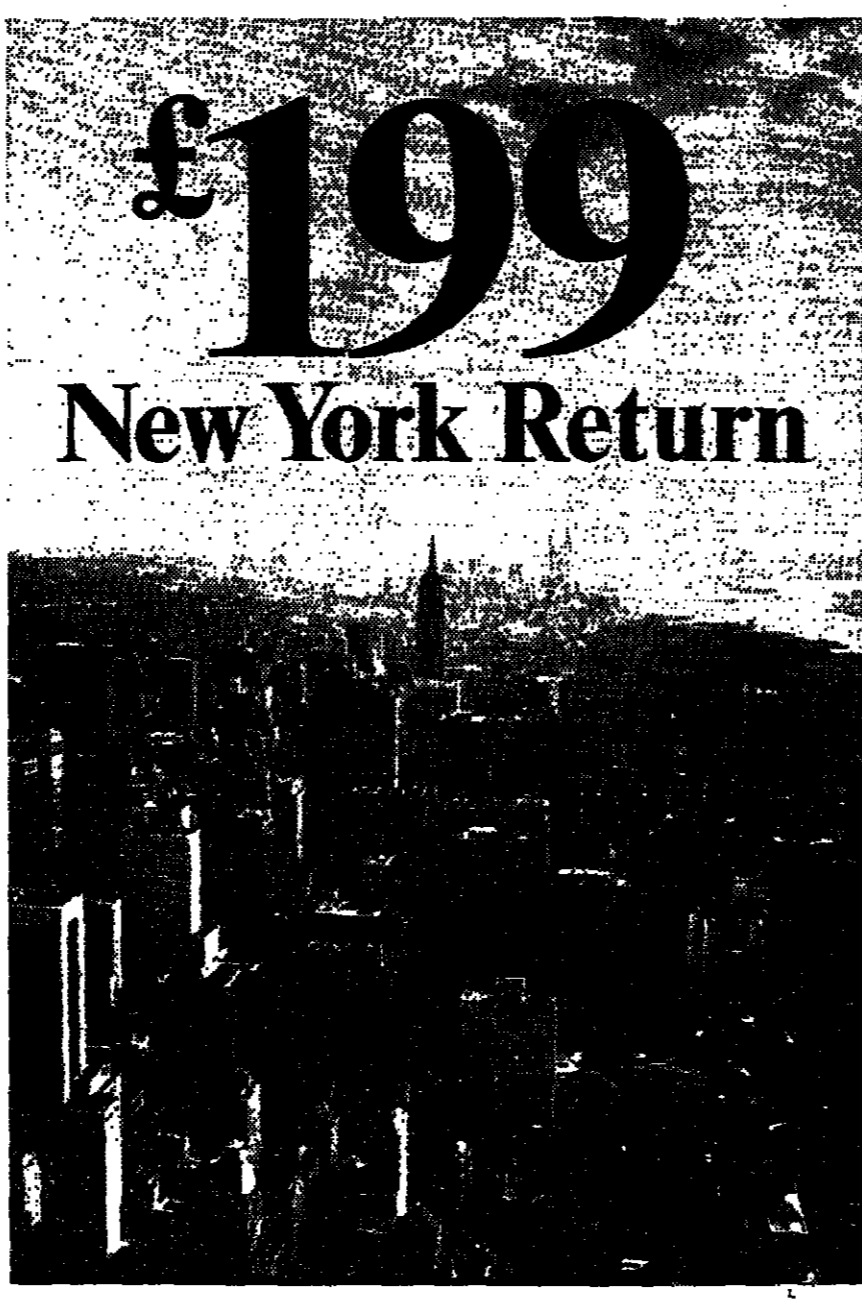
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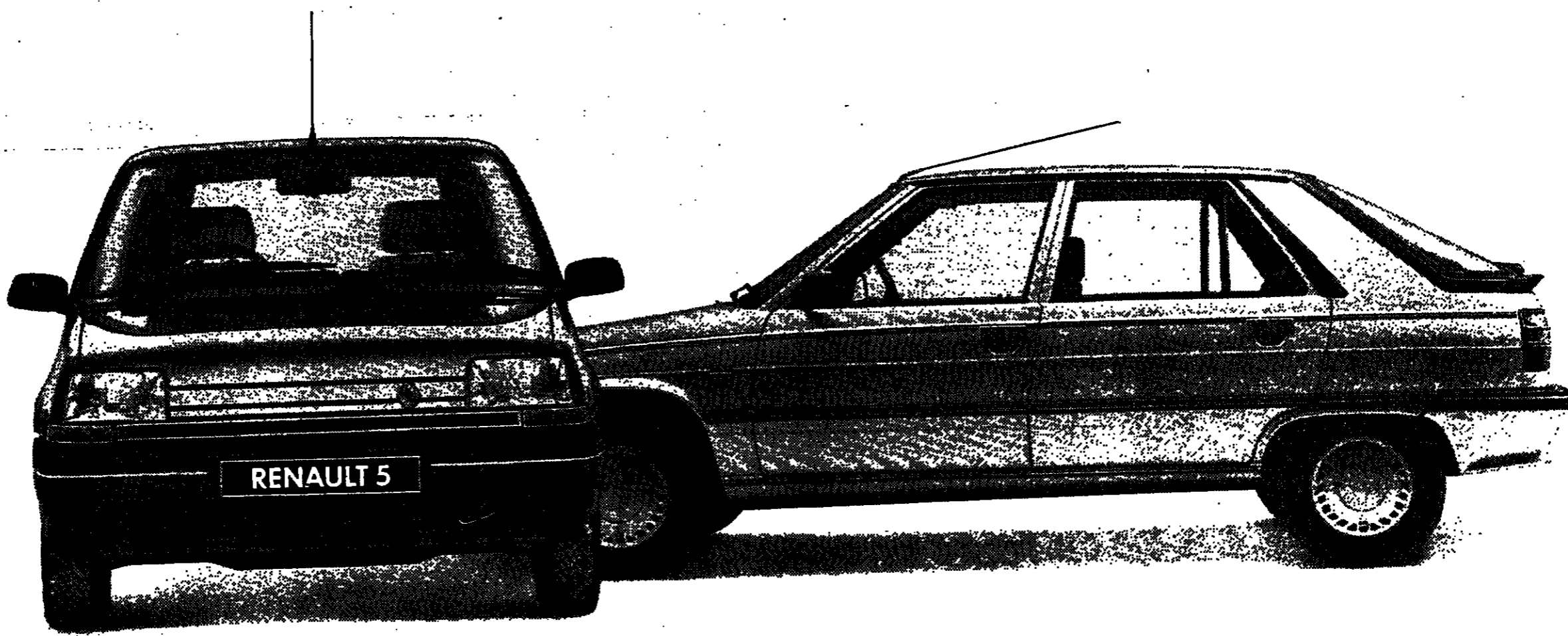


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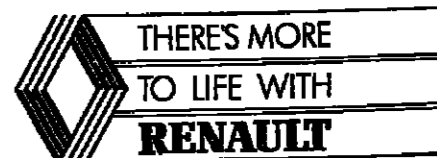
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HORIZONS

Whitehall-coated scientists

Mathematician in the greenhouse

The Civil Service plans to recruit up to 900 scientists during 1989, a significant increase on this year's intake of 750. Government departments maintain more than 100 laboratories for research and development relevant to public interests and statutory scientific services. There is a leaning towards employing graduates in electronics and the physical sciences, although there are also vacancies for graduates in the life sciences, environmental science and geography.

Operating more than 100 laboratories, the Civil Service offers jobs galore. Neil Harris reports

in maths, physics, oceanography and electronic engineering for work on such areas as sonar, underwater weapons and electronic warfare. The Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire, however, has quite different requirements, for chemical and electronics engineers, chemists and physicists.



Steve Foreman: Weather experiments on land, sea and in the air



Steve Foreman joined the Meteorological Office at Bracknell, Berkshire in 1977 as a scientific officer straight after gaining a first in mathematics at Bristol University, writes Neil Harris.

He says: My first job was an investigation of why good weather can remain stable in the atmosphere even when depressions keep coming around it.

After two years I was promoted to higher scientific officer. I also joined a team developing a new operational model to predict the weather. I was working out the mathematics and implementing the model on a computer.

Just over two years later I was promoted to senior scientific officer. By then the basic new model for weather prediction had been completed and the team of scientists I was with were making it work on a new computer.

I was transferred to the Met Office unit serving RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, in 1984, where I was one of a team which continuously received weather data and

interpreted it into forecasts. Pilots are interested in such things as turbulence and the height of clouds. I had to forecast these and other relevant items from the information.

In 1985 I finally completed my first research project and was awarded a PhD. I returned to Bracknell where I was given a short posting investigating the impact of observations on computer forecasts. I also set up a new database for recording observations, and now I am a principal scientific officer with the dynamical climatology branch, which uses numerical models to simulate the climate.

The ocean is of vital importance for climate change. It has been a major challenge for my group to produce a climate model which includes details of the ocean circulation.

Our next task is to use a "model" to look at how quickly the changes due to the greenhouse effect will take place, a problem of great scientific interest and practical importance.

The laboratories vary greatly in size, specialities, and numbers recruited. The Ministry of Defence establishments, with 600 vacancies, will take two-thirds of next year's intake.

The Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, at Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, is one of the largest European electronics research laboratories, carrying out research on electronic devices and materials, microwave devices and signal processing, laser techniques and infra-red displays. Fundamental work for electronic engineers, physicists and mathematicians, chemists and metallurgists to get their teeth into.

for next year, possibly resulting from the aftermath of last year's hurricane. It is seeking 20 researchers and 60 forecasters.

We are all familiar with the day-to-day forecasts through the media, but hear less about the development of automatic weather-observing stations, how rainfall is measured by radar, or the services to oil companies, agriculture and the water industry. In the past, recruitment has been largely confined to physicists and mathematicians, but this time the MO is also looking for environmental scientists and geographers.

The Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire is rarely out of the news, but the fact that it will have more than 60 vacancies for scientists next year has not received much publicity. Computer scientists, mathematicians and electronics engineers are the chief disciplines on its shopping list.

Such is the competition for scientists that the Admiralty Research Establishment at Portland, Hampshire, is advertising an open day for undergraduates on December 20. It wants to recruit graduates

Outside the Ministry of Defence there are plenty of other opportunities for scientists. The Transport and Road Research Laboratory, based at Crowthorne, East Sussex, for example, investigates many of the acute problems involving vehicles and road surfaces. It is constantly seeking more efficient ways of designing, constructing and maintaining bridges, earthworks and roads. Some of its groups are researching energy conservation, pollution and safety factors which must be considered when transporting dangerous freight. There will be about 40 vacancies at its laboratory next year, with the emphasis on operational researchers, mathematicians, civil engineers and physicists.

Several establishments have vacancies for chemists, including the Warren Spring Laboratory, at Stevenage, Hertfordshire which studies pollution, water and waste treatment. The Laboratory of the Government Chemist, providing analytical services to government, including the analysis of toxic substances, drugs, pesticides and fertilisers, also needs its services. Forensic science is always a popular area and the Home Office Forensic Science Service usually

has no shortage of applicants for its few vacancies. Using the most advanced techniques, it provides scientific backing for the fight against crime. Together with the laboratories of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food and the Tropical Products Institute, it also recruits life scientists, particularly biochemists.

Civil Service administrators have long had schemes to attract the brightest and best graduates into Whitehall. The Scientific Civil Service recently followed this lead

by creating the Science Management Trainee Scheme. Next year it intends to recruit 19 scientists to this programme. Applicants will have to run the full Civil Service selection board gamut of tests, interviews and group exercises, rather than the interview panels adopted for scientific officer selection.

Those scientists who succeed in getting on to this scheme can expect to be groomed for higher positions by placements through a range of jobs which will bring them

to the level of deputy director of a laboratory at about the age of 40.

For science graduates seeking a career in scientific research and development, which is constrained more by public need than commercial interest, the Scientific Civil Service has much to offer.

There is a gradual move away from fixed salary scales for everyone to rates of pay which depend on location and the degree of competition the service is up against in the job market as an employer. A scientific officer in a

provincial laboratory might begin his career on about £9,250 a year, while someone with a computer science degree and working on software in London could earn £13,000 a year.

Graduates wanting to apply for one of the above vacancies, and who have a degree in one of the relevant sciences, should write to: The Scientific Civil Service, The Civil Service Commission, Alconon Link, Basingstoke, Hampshire RE21 1JB

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TIMES DIARY

DAVID WALKER

In The Greasy Pole, his memoirs of the 1950s, that unique Tory Liverpudlian Reginald Bevis...

It was an interesting observation, since Powell had not exactly got on with Sharpe when he was junior to Duncan Sandys at housing...

History and Thorneycroft have a rendezvous in three weeks' time when the Public Record Office opens the Cabinet files for 1958...

Reginald Bevis - father of the political editor of another daily newspaper - was at the time junior minister at housing to Henry Brooke...

BARRY FANTONI



'Very useful - book the best popular and we'll have the beach to ourselves'

Another man in a seat usually cool but suddenly heated is Owen Thomas, executive director of the Electoral Reform Society...

The Centre for Economic Policy Research may be a late entrant in the think-tank stakes but it is fast acquiring a reputation for the speed with which it gets material off the academic word-processor into a form in which it means something to policy makers...

The disaster at Clapham Junction seems to show yet again that the most dangerous time on any transport system is when it is in the middle of being modernized...

Martin Mogridge on the lessons of yesterday's disaster Avoiding another Clapham

The motorways, too, are at their most dangerous when repairs are being carried out and contra-flow systems are in operation...

And yet this is somewhat paradoxical, as the number of people killed on the roads each year is numbered in the thousands...

possible for a computer programme to direct a car through a network, and via central computer control to avoid traffic jams...

the basic problem of moving the vast numbers of people in and out of London and our other major cities each day...

abandoned the freight terminals close to the city centre, now we have to abandon the passenger terminals, on the surface...

Geoffrey Hosking

From comrade to citizen

Freedom of information is not the only civil liberty advanced by perestroika and glasnost. The rule of law and the freedom of the individual have become subjects of serious debate...

He or she will have the right to be a free economic agent within the framework of a family or co-operative business...



These problems are not necessarily exacerbated by glasnost, but they are made more conspicuous by it. Under pressure from them, Gorbachov might feel compelled to trim back his policies...

Although not given to prophecy, I'm prepared to forecast that the workers will begin to organize in self-defence against price rises and other consequences of economic reform...

Commentary • MARY ANN SIEGHART

Slotting in TV quality

In October, at an international television fair, I forced myself to sit through a three-hour TV adaptation of Robert Bolt's A Man for All Seasons...

British television if the Government ploughs ahead with its broadcasting white paper, due to be debated in the House of Lords today...

of a high enough quality. So the companies have a direct incentive to spend money on good programmes. If the ITV franchises are instead auctioned to the highest bidder...

tougher regulatory powers than the IBA, the ITC will never be able to pit itself against the inevitable economic forces that will engineer the demise of high-quality drama on ITV...

ON THIS DAY 1912

A gross of shirts may sound excessive, however long the journey, but Macculey in his Historical Essays quotes a letter home from Robert Clive when Governor of Bengal, asking for 'two hundred shirts, the best and finest that can be got for love or money.'

SOME HINTS FOR SEAGOING OUTFITS

It is a commonplace to speak of the enormous increase in the facilities of travel in the last few decades; but perhaps we do not often realize how much the conditions have changed for our comfort in a multitude of minor details...

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And there shall come forth a root out of the stem of Jesse, and shall bear a Branch...

BIRTHS

AKROYD - On December 4th, to Nora (nee Stokell) and James, a son, David Thomas Edward. A brother for Rebecca.

MARRIAGES

ALLISON-FORS - On December 6th 1988, Wade Raymond Allison and Marilyn Frances Fors (nee Eastwood).

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

CHINAL - Very best wishes Gretchen and Jean on your anniversary today from Lydia, Peter, Rod and Nels.

DEATHS

BAKER WHITE - On December 10th 1988, peacefully in the Chichester Hospital after a short illness, John, aged 86, husband of the late Mrs. Jean...

DOWNING - On December 2nd, Rupert Cyril De Souza, 74, correspondent, died peacefully at home, surrounded by his family.

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BARON - On December 10th 1988, peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, after a long illness, the late Sir John...

POWERS - On December 2nd 1988, peacefully in hospital in Port Elizabeth, after a long illness, the late Mr. John...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAMSAY - On December 9th 1988, peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, after a long illness, the late Mr. John...

POWELL - Paul W. 15.10.1927, in memory of my dear beloved father, who died on the 10th...

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DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS - INQUIREMENT required for working as a chef in a restaurant in the West London District...

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DOMESTIC & CATERING SITUATIONS - LEGAL NOTICES - In the matter of KONG LIOU LIMITED. In the Matter of the Companies Act 1985...

ON THE RECORD - THE TUFFIN - AREN'T YOU GOING TO LOSE A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE WANTING TO SEND CHRISTMAS CARDS... THEY CAN ALWAYS BE DELIVERED BY HAND... TO MY HOME ADDRESS.

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FASHION

Dressing along the party lines

Classic frolics with futuristic when well-dressed children get together, Jane Procter writes



Daniel: sailor suit, top, £26.50, knickers, £39.95, from Patrizia Wigan, 19 Walton Street, SW3. Socks, £6.25, Peek-a-Boo, 42 Chiltern Street, SW1. Loafers, £12.99, Saxone and Lilley & Skinner. Miranda: Smocked navy dress with pink/white floral print, £152, Anthea Moore Ede, 16 Victoria Grove, W8. Tights, £3.95, Peek-a-Boo, 42 Chiltern Street, SW1. Pumps, £36, Buckle My Shoe, 19 South Molton Street, W1

Check out the guests at any children's party and you'll believe in time travel. When it comes to sartorial style for the under-sixes, nostalgia walks hand in hand with fantasy.

The classic tradition gains royal endorsement from the young Princes, but the betting is that by the time Princess Beatrice is toddling, the Duchess of York will champion "game for a laugh" leisure-wear.

As I discovered when I invited six fashion industry mothers and their offspring to a studio party, they are as divided as any sisters-in-law over what works best.

Joe, the five-year-old son of Rick and Lucille Lewis, who own the Whistles fashion stores, arrived in a black tracksuit. Daniel, aged four, who has "outgrown the outrageous", according to his mother, the model Harriet Close, wore a pin-stripe shirt and flannel shorts.

Children's style

Joe: Black velvet jacket, £40; matching trousers, £30; shirt, £26; lace-ups, £58; all available from Joanna's Tent, 289b King's Road, SW3

of dressing crosses all price barriers. Marks & Spencer stocks taffeta smocks at £15.99 alongside tracksuits from £16.99. At Next B.G. preppie meets Alice in Wonderland. A smart option is a spotted dress at £19.95.

To save your child from a "snap" appearance, replace the commercial collar with one of antique broderie anglaise, available from Lunn Antiques, 86 New Kings Road, SW6.

Mothercare is trying hard, but, along with some of our major department stores, has fallen into the Lolita trap. Strapless dresses and peek-a-boo panels must be someone's choice.

Our sample were unanimous in selecting the multi-coloured hand-knit dress, worn by Elodie, as their favourite from the party clothes we offered them. The boys loved hats and hated rounded Edwardian collars but, surprisingly, none of them thought sailor suits sissy.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Elodie: Hand-knit dress, £70; tights, £3.95; from Peek-a-Boo, 42 Chiltern Street, W1. Lucie: Multi-coloured floral T-shirt, £19; cardigan, £25; leggings, £35; scarf, £15; bag £49; beret, £15; Kenzo Kids, 15 Draycott Avenue, SW3. Bumpers, £37, Buckle My Shoe, 19 St Christopher's Place, W1. Max: Red and navy cord waistcoat, £12.70; trousers, £16.75; Christmas print shirt, £16.70; Nipper Mail Order, Gloucester House, 45 Gloucester Street, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 4EW. Brothel creepers, £56, Joanna's Tent, 289b Kings Road, SW3

Hair by Joseph Carney for JJ's, Thurloe Place, SW7. Photographs by TONY MCGEE



THE MOTHERS' CHOICE, left to right: Miranda, 4, daughter of public relations consultant Christine McCarthy, in velvet sailor dress, £75, The Chelsea Design Co, 46 Fulham Road, SW3. Daniel, 4, son of top model Harriet Close, in stripe shirt, £4.99, Hennes; shorts, £17.50; socks, £6.50, shoes £19.95; Harrods. Elodie, 4, daughter of designer Juliet Dunn, in her mother's taffeta shirt, circa 1979. Joe, 5, son of Lucille and Rick Lewis, owners of Whistles shops, in tracksuit bought in Paris; bowler, £34, Joanna's Tent, 289b King's Road, SW3; bumpers, £37, Buckle My Shoe, 19 St Christopher's Place, W1. Lucie, 4, daughter of hairdressers Liz and Paul Edmonds, in tights and bows in pale pink cotton made by her grandmother. Max, 5, son of hair and makeup agent Joy Goodman, in stripe shirt, £29.50, tartan waistcoat, £18.50, both Harrods; cord trousers, £16, The Gap, 206 Regent Street, W1; lace-ups, £18.99, Next BG

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Label with a regal touch
A new label that promises a devoted and most definitely royal following is Beloved. Designed by the Duchess of York's stepmother, Susan Ferguson, Beloved is highly traditional.
In fact, the classic tartan vicella dresses at £70 boast smocking front and back - a desirable feature which, according to *Tatler*, is only "really necessary in Gloucestershire".
For those residing in other counties, a small preview selection is available now from Dragons, 23 Walton Street, London SW3, or direct from Mrs Ferguson, Dummer Down, Dummer, Basingstoke RG25 2AR (tel 025 675698). In the spring we can expect an expanded Beloved to be available more widely.
A window on art
The Christmas windows of the White House are attracting crowds of tall and small alike to Bond Street. The artist Michael Howells has filled the windows with a recreation of the Princess and the Pea. The mattresses are suitably swathed

It's party time
Birthright, the charity closest to the Princess of Wales's heart, is holding its children's Christmas party at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, NW1 on Monday, December 19, from 11am to

Girls on parade
The next major date for the mini-Flofax: February 20 for the Patrizia Wigan fashion show at the Savoy Hotel. In aid of the Chemical Dependency Centre, whose patron, the Duchess of York, will attend, the show promises London's best-bred and best-looking children parading the Wigan traditional ware (see Daniel above). The proceedings will commence at 10.30am. Tickets (£35 each) from Mrs Tristan Millington-Drake, 4 Roseneath Road, London, SW11.

At 5.00pm on the 28th January we shall be saying our last 'Goodnight' to Sloane Street.
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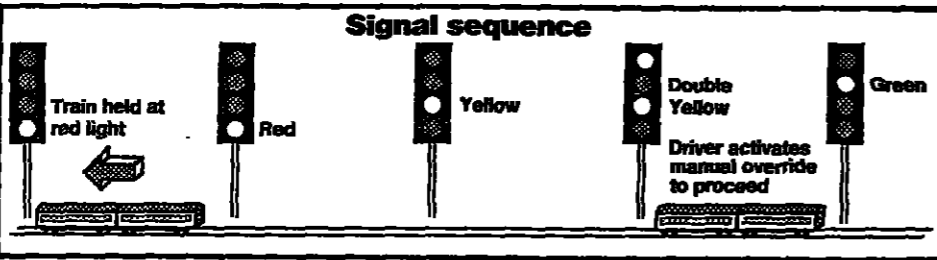
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'The train went up and we just flew over and over'

Continued from page 1
with each other. It just seemed the best thing to do to keep our spirits up.
Mr Mark Barthel, aged 27, from Southampton, was travelling in the front carriage of the train from Bournemouth. He said wheels smashed upwards through the floor and the roof caved in.

by the Prime Minister as he announced the public inquiry. The investigation will be headed by an eminent QC. Terms of reference are likely to be decided by the end of the week.
British Rail has already started its own investigation and, if changes are needed, will take them immediately.
After visiting the scene earlier in the day, Mr Channon also appeared to hint to MPs that signalling problems were to blame.



Aerial view of the three crumpled trains as heavy lifting gear is brought in to pull the crushed metal from where passengers had been trapped

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,851

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Word-watching section with definitions and a list of words.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?
By Philip Howard

Answers to Puzzle No 17,850, including a grid for Noble Instances.

WEATHER

All areas generally will be cloudy with a little sunshine and it will be reasonably mild. Light rain will affect most places and will be most likely in parts of western Britain, especially over higher ground.

Table of weather forecasts for various regions including Abroad and Around Britain.

Table of high tides for various locations including London, Liverpool, and others.

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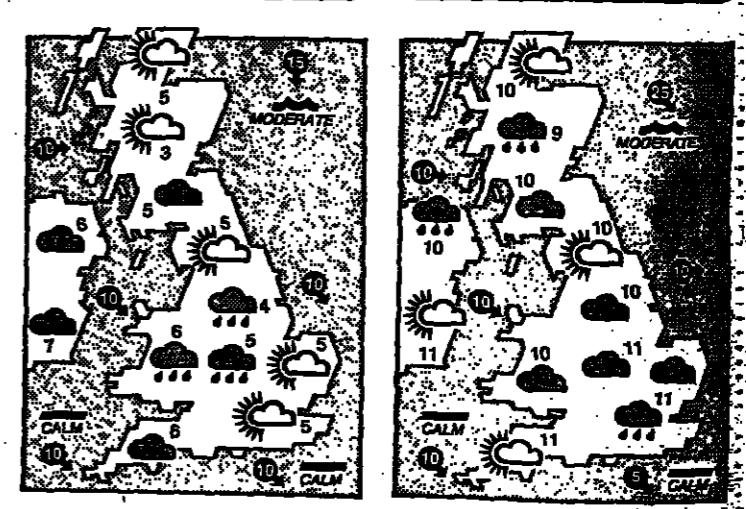
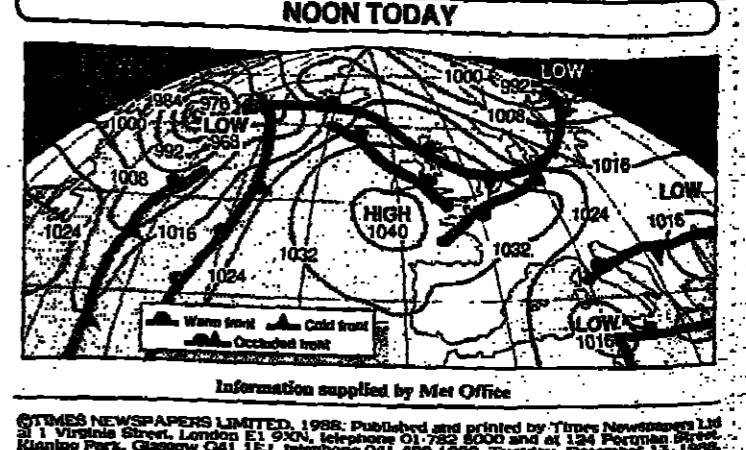


Table of weather forecasts for Tower Bridge, London, and Manchester.



Market information section including interest rates, gold prices, and exchange rates.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14 1988

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

Thorn's Inmos sell-off

Thorn EMI is to resolve the financial problems of its 100 per cent-owned microchip-maker, Inmos, by having off the bulk of its Inmos shares to SGC-Thomson Microelectronics, the Franco-Italian maker of semiconductors.

Flop issues

Two more share issues, by Ratners and Compass, have flopped. The Ratners one-for-four rights issue of 48 million shares at 175p each was taken up for only 35 per cent.

ECC up 30%

English China Clays has increased pre-tax profits by 30 per cent from £122.1 million to £145.4 million in the year to September 30.

Gateway rise

An unexpected 0.5p lift in the interim dividend to 3.5p from Gateway Corporation, prompted a 3.25p increase in the share price to 155p.

STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 2129.09 (-10.48) Tokyo Nikkei Average 2957.61 (-74.48) Hang Seng 2851.92 (-14.02) Amsterdam Gen 278.8 (+1.2) Sydney AO 1457.6 (-11.8) Frankfurt Commerzbank 1600.3 (-7.4) Bremen 5405.7 (-8.8) Paris CAC 395.8 (-1.0) Zurich S&K Gen 512.1 (-4.0) London FT 30 Share 1425.7 (+3.3) FT 100 1752.6 (+4.7) FT 100 Index 147.08 (+0.06)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES Bristol 181p (+10p) A Cohen 825p (+25p) Davies & Newman 625p (+10p) Guinness 232 3/4 (+10p) ICI 838 1/2 (+10p) DAVIS Simpson 'A' 620p (+15p) Fiat Art Div 211 1/2 (+13p) Lloyds 808 3/4 (+20p) Lloyds 215 (+40p) Lloyds 626 1/2 (+11p) Lloyds T-Line 80p (+13p) Overseas 157 1/2 (+13p) Colson Comm 531 1/2 (+13p)

INTEREST RATES London Bank Base 13% 3-month interbank 13 1/2-13 3/4% 3-month eligible bills 12 1/2-12 3/4% 6-month 12 1/2-12 3/4% 9-month 12 1/2-12 3/4% 12-month 12 1/2-12 3/4%

CURRENCIES London New York £ \$1.8285 £ \$1.8278 £ DM 1.9171 £ Sfr 1.74707 £ FF 10.9207 £ ¥ 163.12 £ Indec 77.8 £ SDR 10.740483

GOLD London Friday AM \$420.65-420.50 (2229.75-230.25) New York COMEX \$420.40-420.50

NORTH SEA OIL Brent (Jan) pm \$15.05/bbl (\$14.87) December latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH 0898 141 141 Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included: in a busy day for company results a 32 per cent profit increase found English China Clays (02516) up 7p, but interim in line with expectations clipped 3p off Rascal (01245); tank order hopes drove Vickers (04262) up 10p; Lonrho stake rumours found Storehouse (01866) 3p higher; Thomson T-Line was the star performer, climbing 12p in the wake of the Ladbroke's bid.

Recent additions include: Cable and Wireless 7% conv pref 03525; Metro Radio 03526; Betacom 03527. Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

Hopes dashed for Clowes refund by Christmas

By Maria Scott London and Gibraltar. In the High Court in the morning Mr Justice Peter Gibson approved payment of 75p in the pound to the 1,000 BCGM investors whose money was channelled through Lloyds Bank. He also approved a refund of 25p in the pound to 6,000 investors who went through Midland Bank, but said this payment could not go ahead without approval from the court in Gibraltar.

December 23 at the earliest. After the hearing Mr Michael Jordan of Cork Gully, liquidators for BCGM, said he did not expect a new application to go back before the courts until "well into January". He said BCI had been claiming entitlement to separate amounts of £16 million and £45 million from the UK business, but there was a counter-claim by BCGM on BCI for £55 million. Mr Jordan said he had believed BCI representatives were in a position to finalize this claim but it became apparent yesterday that this was not possible.

French anger at blame for tunnel delay

By John Bell in London, and Susan Macdonald, Paris The £525 billion Channel tunnel is running six months behind schedule, according to the French construction firms working on the project. The firms are already facing fines, said to be as much as £20 million, under penalty clauses, and are furious at being blamed for the delay, which they say is the responsibility of the Eurotunnel company itself.

Blunt message to Rowland over debt burden



Bankers are happy, says Bond

By Our City Editor Mr Alan Bond, the cockney signwriter turned multi-millionaire, was never one to mince his words. He visited London to deliver a typically blunt message to those who say his hyper-active brewing, property and media empire is slowly sinking beneath a huge burden of debt.

Saunders granted legal aid

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman of Guinness, was granted legal aid yesterday to fight the 40 criminal charges he faces. A High Court judge ruled that his resources were "inadequate and unavailable" to meet the expected £400,000 costs of his trial.

Sterling hit by US rate rise fears

By David Smith Economics Correspondent The pound fell yesterday, amid expectations of rising interest rates in the United States and West Germany. Sterling fell 1.2 cents to \$1.8285, and by a penny to DM3.1971. The sterling index fell 0.4 to 77.8.

British courts must decide issue first Brussels stalls over bid for Plessey

By Michael Dynes and Derek Harris The European Commission will wait for the British courts to decide whether the bid by the General Electric Company and Siemens, the West German electrical engineer, for Plessey, the electronics company, violates the community's competition code before proceeding any further with its own inquiry, Commission officials said yesterday.

FAI shares plunge as Adler dies

From Christopher Morris Sydney Mr Larry Adler, the millionaire business tycoon who was founder and chairman of FAI, one of Australia's biggest insurance groups, died of a heart attack in Sydney yesterday, aged 57. Shares in the company fell sharply by 50 cents to Aus\$2.60 (£1.21) as some 2.7 million shares changed hands on the news.

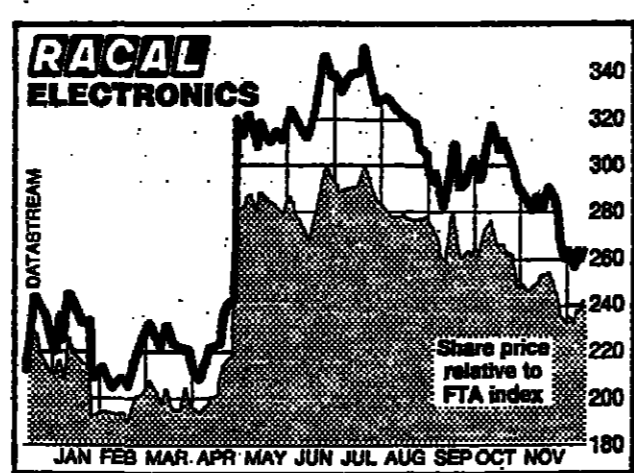
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

City tempers enthusiasm for Racal

The message from both Racals, after posting solid increases in interim profits for the period ended October 14, is that the best is yet to come.



Parent Racal turned in pre-tax profits of £62.4 million against £43.4 million on a turnover 11.6 per cent higher at £759.7 million.

The power behind Racal Electronics remains the telecommunications division, complemented by an improvement from a depressed profits level within its marine and energy operation.

But then with American investors heavily represented among the minority 20 per cent of Racal Telecom shares in issue, and because by US investment standards such shareholders still regard these shares as cheap, further downside appears to be limited.

The immediate preference remains for Racal Electronics, which admits to be full of ideas, plans and ambitions.

The construction division more than doubled its contribution to £38 million in the 12 months to September 30 as the boom in house prices made its impact.

But interest in the stock, which would be reckoned as fully valued at 440p up 4p, turns on its bid prospects.

The Lasky's business made no contribution and still suffers from being too small, although Granada rules out selling the chain.

Television profits were up 44 per cent at £30 million on 11 per cent growth in advertising revenue and the impact of cost-cutting measures.

Leisure showed strong growth with profits 21 per cent ahead at £30 million.

Granada's love affair with computer maintenance continues. Profits are moving rapidly ahead to £13.8 million.

Gearing is down to 63 per cent and should fall further after the planned sale of its £100 million Barranquilla property offshoot.

Granada should make close to £190 million this year. The shares, unchanged at 316p, offer a prospective rating of 9.5 times, and look good value, despite uncertainties in the high street.

T&N purchases Abex interests for £27m

T&N is paying £27 million for the French and Spanish interests of the Abex Corporation, which manufactures friction materials for the European automotive and industrial markets.

In a separate transaction, T&N have sold for £2.4 million its 31 per cent minority interest in the T&N/Valco joint venture friction material company in Spain.

Plysu interim 32% increase up to £3.6m at Eurocopy

Plysu, the growing Buckinghamshire plastic container manufacturer, showed an increase in pre-tax profits for the 28 weeks to October 8 from £2.25 million to £3.65 million.

Turnover climbed from £24.35 million to £28.58 million, with earnings per share rising from 4.89p to 5.90p.

Oakwood in £9m sale

Mr Norman Fetterman's Oakwood Group is raising £9 million from the sale of some of the businesses that came with last year's acquisition of the CoxMoore group.

B&C offshoot buys in US by Enterprise

Atlantic Computer Systems, the North American subsidiary of British & Commonwealth Holdings, has acquired two US computer leasing companies - Princeton Computers in New Jersey and GS Computers in California.

Wimpey move in US

George Wimpey, the construction and housebuilding group, has acquired the US company Orange Quarry and its principal subsidiary, Tri-County Asphalt.

Devenish lifts payout after 14.8% advance

JA Devenish, the West Country brewer and public house operator, reports a 14.8 per cent increase in pre-tax profits for the year to end-September from £10.02 million to £11.50 million.

Airtours profits double to £4m with expansion

Airtours, the Manchester-based package holidays operator which came to the stock market in March 1987, has recovered from profit sluggishness by doubling its pre-tax figure in the year to end-September.

COMPANY BRIEFS

- CREIGHTON LABS. (Int) Turnover £4.51 (£2.67)m. Pre-tax: £0.75 (£0.34)m. EPS: 13.0 (6.1)p. Div: 1.6 (1.4)p.
- BROOKMOUNT (Int) Pre-tax: £4.80 (£2.34)m. EPS: 22.4 (18.8p). Div: 2.25 (1.75)p.
- TITON HLDGS. (Prelims.) Pre-tax: £1.37 (£0.94)m. EPS: 8.47 (6.28)p. Div: 1.75p.
- BORDER TV (Int) Pre-tax: £0.49 (£0.40)m. EPS: 2.97 (2.55)p. Div: 0.8 (0.65)p.
- BSS GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £5.62 (£4.28)m. EPS: 19.3 (14.7)p. Div: 5 (4)p.
- JMD GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £0.02m. EPS: 0.1 (loss 0.5)p. Div: nil.
- STEWART & WIGHT (Int) Pre-tax: £0.08 (£0.05)m. EPS: 67.29 (36.90)p. Div: nil.
- LISTER (Int) Pre-tax: £0.65 (£1.53)m. EPS: 4.18 (6.42)p. Div: 1 (1)p.
- SOUTHEND PROPS. (Int) Pre-tax: £15.02 (0.30)m. EPS: 12.27 (0.55)p. Div: 1p.
- ELIZA TINSLEY GP.(Int) Pre-tax: £0.57 (£0.45)m. EPS: 4.90 (3.88)p. Div: 1.1 (1.15)p.

- CANDIDA Bernson's opera, part Boudier, Mt Graec.
- Old Vic The 928 7616), 7.30-10pm. Wed 2.30-5.19.
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Financial Highlights

	26 weeks to 30.10.88	26 weeks to 1.11.87	Year on Year increase
Turnover (£m)	510.2	429.3	19%
Operating Profit (£m)	80.8	62.8	29%
Pre-tax Profit (£m)	72.0	57.3	26%
Earnings per share	12.9p	11.4p	13%
Dividend per share	3.1p	2.7p	15%

Pre-tax Profit up by 26%

Interim Dividend up by 15%

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Norton expect

Turnover up 51% at McCarthy

No payout after dip at Aikhen

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WALL STREET

Dow slips 7 points as retail prices rise

Blue chips came off their lows but news of an improvement in the US current account deficit appeared to have little initial impact on the market, analysts said.

cent, to 29,597.81, adding to Monday's 121.13-point loss. Declining issues led gaining issues in light trading of 800 million shares.

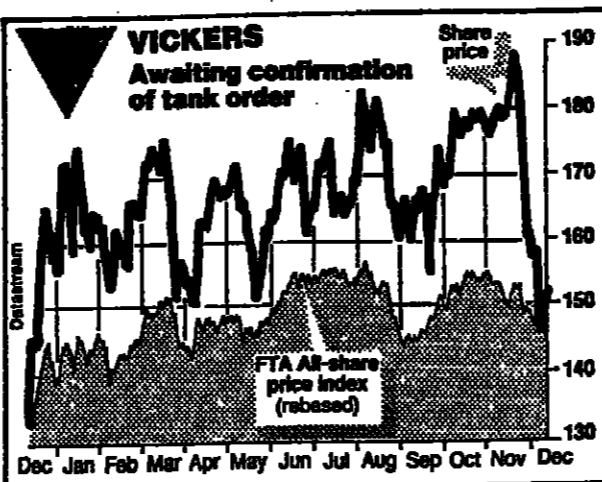
RTZ falls on talk of BP deal

As the rest of the market staged a modest technical recovery, shares of RTZ, the mining and industrial group, succumbed to renewed selling pressure and dropped 17p to 390p.

Speculation intensified that RTZ is about to pay \$3.5 billion (£1.9 billion) for BP's minerals division and announce a sizeable rights issue to help finance the deal.

RTZ has been rationalizing its activities and concentrating on its core businesses this year. In May, it sold its North Sea oil interests to Elf Aquitaine, the French group, for more than £300 million. It

STOCK MARKET



VICKERS Awaiting confirmation of tank order. Share price (rebased) Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

rower FT 30 share index ended 3.3 points up at 1,425.7. Gills reflected interest rate uncertainties with falls ranging to 7 1/2p.

Vickers, the Rolls-Royce car and Challenger tank group, attracted good buying and jumped 10.5p to 154.5p, as word went round the market that the Ministry of Defence was on the verge of awarding the company the £1 billion contract to supply 600 tanks to the Army to replace the ageing Chieftains in the 1990s.

The Government's decision is expected to be announced on Friday and follows months of debate about the merits of Vickers' Challenger tank and

Ocean Transport, the international distribution company, advanced 7p to 257p after 260p.

According to speculators, Sir Ron, who failed with a bid for the company in November, 1986 and still owns a 27.2 per cent stake, is ready to make another attempt. They say he wants to make more of Ocean Transport as a vehicle for his wider British ambitions.

Premier Consolidated, the independent oil group headed by Mr Roland Shaw, jumped 5p to 59.5p, after 60.5p as dealers became excited by news of a big oil discovery in Thailand.

Premier is also featured in a forthcoming circular on smaller oil companies from Ms Aoihe Oheocha, oil analyst at Kleinwort Benson, the broker.

Shares of Inoco, the US-listed group which has been transformed from an oil group into a property company by Mr David Rowland, the former Williams Hudson chief, jumped 4p to 40p on news of a bid approach.

The transformation of Inoco was completed in September, when its remaining oil interests were sold to Firstland Oil and Gas for £650,000. Inoco's British portfolio of properties consists of more than 20 office properties, over 20 industrial properties and more than a dozen retail properties.

Geoffrey Foster

Quadrex's appeals commence

Appeals by Quadrex Holdings, the New York securities company, against two High Court judgements finding it liable for breach of contract and ordering it to pay £75 million interim damages, began in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The judgements were made in a dispute over a contract for the £280 million sale by British and Commonwealth Holdings to Quadrex of MW Marshall, the world's second largest money-broker, and William Street, a US Government securities broker. The sale was never completed.

The appeals are being heard together and are expected to last five days, according to lawyers for B&C.

Shaftesbury's £18.8m buy

Shaftesbury, the property investment and development group, is to buy Celus Properties (1984) for £18.85 million, payable on completion, with a possible further consideration up to a maximum of £300,000.

About £17.3 million of the sale price is to be satisfied by the issue of 9.64 million ordinary shares - which have been placed with institutional and other investors at 180p per share - with the balance in cash. Celus owns four properties in London's West End valued at £18.1 million.

Wardell rises

Pre-tax profits of Wardell Roberts rose from Ir£598,000 (£499,620) to Ir£701,000 in the six months to end-September, on a turnover up from Ir£8.65 million to Ir£12.9 million. Earnings per share are up from 2.6p to 3.1p, and the interim dividend is raised 0.9p to 1p.

Table of stock market movements with columns for Dec 12, Dec 9, Dec 12, Dec 9, Dec 12, Dec 9. Lists various companies and their price changes.

Corton Beach, the US-listed industrial holding company run by Mr Mike Keen, is a buy at 57p, says Shearson Lehman Hutton, the broker. It sees a strong growth pattern developing in the medium term. A rating of 7.5 times, with two months of the current year to run, is too low.

then disposed of its 28 per cent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil, the independent oil group, for £245 million.

Analysts last night agreed that fund-raising fears had dragged the shares down over the past few days, but they also pointed out that many nervous dealers had forgotten the fact that RTZ is already well-equipped with cash and a

rights issue would not necessarily be needed.

The group's cash balance ranges between £600 million and £800 million. In order to buy BP Minerals, it could also draw upon a host of foreign subsidiary and associated companies throughout the world which are also cash-positive.

Meanwhile, BP moved up 2.5p to 253p as buyers continued to heed analysts' comments that the sale of its minerals division would bring gearing down from 35 per cent to 25 per cent.

Elsewhere, equities took comfort in the early stages of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's remarks that further tax cuts should not be assumed to be forthcoming in the 1989 spring Budget statement, as any further reduc-

tions could add to current inflationary pressures in Britain and, in turn, put more upward pressure on interest rates.

However, a lack of genuine follow-through investment support, and a disappointing set of US retail sales figures which revived higher interest rate worries, prompted an afternoon slide which accelerated when dealers saw an early 10-point fall on Wall Street.

The closing of bear positions helped quotations close with small improvements, but the overall volume of trade was small ahead of today's publication of the US trade figures for October.

The FT SE-100 share index showed a 15.5 point rise at its best before closing 4.7 points higher at 1,752.6. The nar-

President-elect is urged to consider new taxes on tobacco, alcohol and imported oil

Bush challenged on US deficit

By David Smith Economics Correspondent



Gary Hart: outlined options

Mr Gary Hart, the former Democrat presidential candidate, has called on Mr George Bush, the president-elect, to demonstrate how the US budget deficit could be reduced without raising taxes.

Mr Hart, in London for a Breakfast Forum organized by The Sunday Times, said that among the options the new administration should consider were a tax of \$10 a barrel on imported oil, a 30 to 40 cent tax on petrol and a "sin tax" on products such as tobacco and alcohol.

He also criticized financial markets for their ready acceptance of budget deficits created by Republicans. He said the markets would have been unwilling to accept similar deficits from Democrats.

Ambassador to Britain, said after his inauguration Mr Bush should meet Congress and "put everything on the table" in the search to reduce the deficit.

This would include the possibility of tax increases, so far rejected by Mr Bush.

Mr John Hennessy, chairman and chief executive of the investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston, said there were several myths which needed to be corrected. He said it was not true that an administration led by Mr Bush would be boring and have no convictions. Nor was it true that it was bad that foreigners were buying up America, or that tax increases were needed to bring down the budget deficit, he said.

Mr Hennessy said a dollar devaluation was not necessary to eliminate the US trade deficit. Recent history was full of

examples where countries had turned around their trade deficits without resorting to a continuing depreciation of their currency.

Mr Irwin Stelzer, a US economic consultant and Sunday Times writer, said the financial markets had accepted the Reagan budget deficit because, unlike the deficits under President Carter, what had been bought as a result of the deficit was of greater value.

America's arms build-up in the 1980s had created the situation where the Soviet Union was ready to bargain about arms reductions, he said, creating the possibility of reduced defence spending.

One danger was that Europe would be manoeuvred into providing soft loans for the Soviet Union, allowing it to start building up its arms again, he said.

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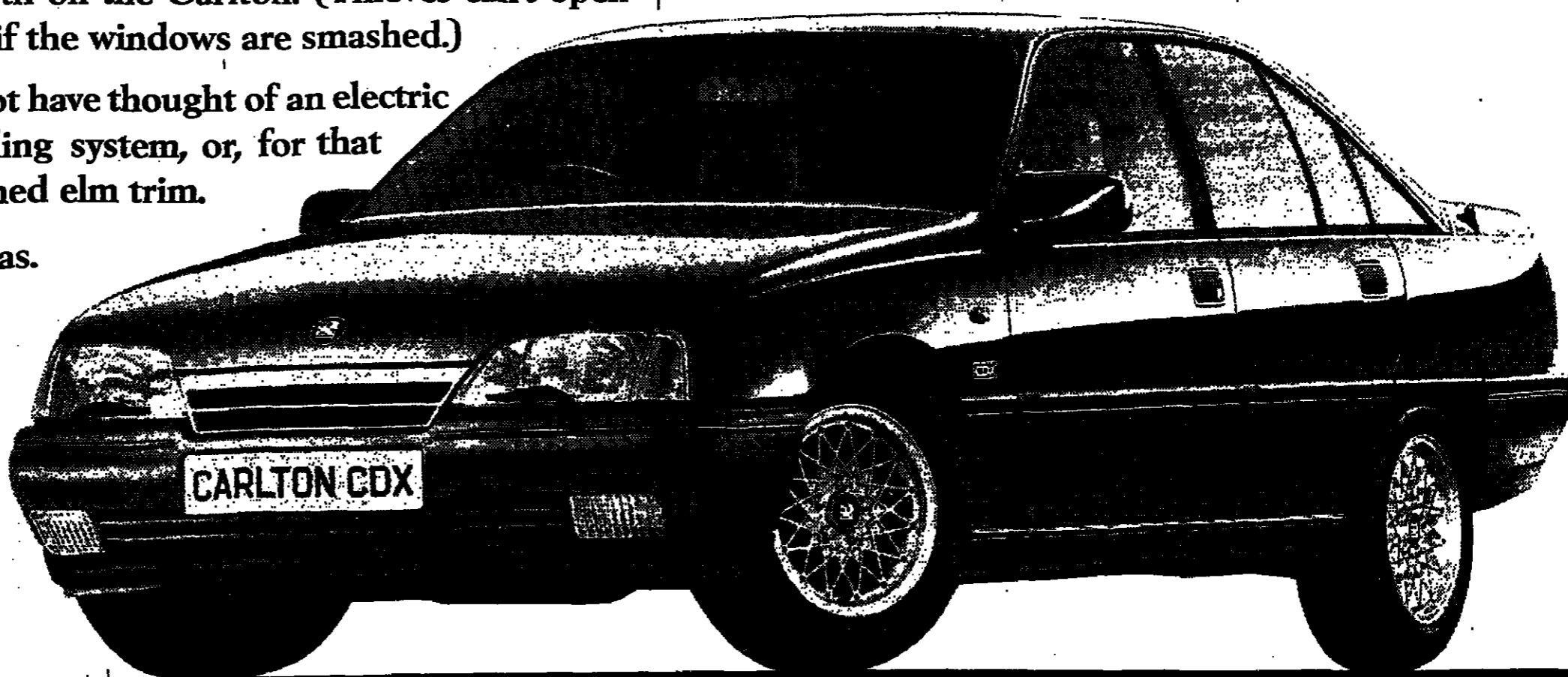
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Fine Art interim blunted to £2.8m

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

The most recent victim of the postal strike to report lower profits is Fine Art Developments, the greeting cards and mail order business. Pre-tax profits fell by 19 per cent to £2.79 million (£3.45 million) in the six months to September 30. Turnover rose from £75.48 million to £82.7 million and an interim dividend of 2p (1.8p) will be paid.

The new company, 60 per cent owned by Versand and the balance held by Fine Art, will assist in both the long-term development and the continuing improvement in profitability, said Mr Chapman, the chairman. He expects a material improvement in profitability of these activities, which account for more than half of group profits, due to action now being taken.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table with multiple columns showing option prices for various stocks like Anglo, B&A, and others. Includes sub-sections for 'RECENT ISSUES' and 'ALPHA STOCKS'.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table showing traditional options for various companies like Anglo, B&A, etc.

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Psychiatrists' duty of confidence

W v Eggle and Others Before Mr Justice Scott (Judgment December 9)

The duty of confidence imposed on psychiatrists was the same whether they came within a hospital regime or were independent. Dr Eggle was less extensive to patients detained under the Mental Health Act than to ordinary members of the public.

Mr Justice Scott held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an action brought by a patient who had been detained in a secure hospital as a potential danger to the public safety, against an independent psychiatrist whom he had instructed to report upon his mental condition with a view to using the report in support of his application to a mental health review tribunal.

illness was now cured or under control, so that he was no longer a danger, provided that he remained on suitable medication.

But the Home Secretary refused his consent and faced with the Home Secretary's reluctance to accept Dr Ghosh's recommendation, W decided to pursue the alternative of an application to the mental health review tribunal for discharge or transfer.

To support his application Dr Eggle was instructed to examine W and report. That he did but his report, dated July 27, 1987, proved unfavourable in that it opposed Dr Ghosh's recommendation and revealed a long standing interest in making a claim against W which was described as paramount. It included steel piping packed with explosive chemicals.

ment of the patient and in cases where the public interest overrode the duty to the patient.

Dr Eggle's duty to W was both absolute and paramount by the particular circumstances of the case. Those circumstances were: (i) W was a person who had killed five people; (ii) he had been detained in a secure hospital without limit of time, not as a punishment but for the public safety; (iii) the psychiatrist responsible for his treatment regarded him as no longer a danger provided that he remained on suitable medication; (iv) a proposal was on foot for his transfer to a regional secure unit, subject to the Home Secretary's discretion in making exercise of which public safety would be paramount; (v) an application had been made to the tribunal which had power to order his discharge absolutely or conditionally; (vi) if satisfied that it was not necessary for the patient's health and safety or for the protection of the public that he should receive medical treatment the tribunal was bound to discharge him.

Dr Eggle had formed the opinion that there was a possibility that W had a psychiatric personality and that insufficient significance had been attached to his interest in guns and explosives and he had learnt that his report was not on file at the hospital and that W and his solicitors proposed to suppress it.

even though that conclusion placed W and persons like him in a position where the duty of confidence owed by psychiatrists to them was less extensive than that owed to ordinary members of the public.

That limitation was justified by the needs of the hospital in charge of "technical management" and the need of the Home Secretary, in whom the discretionary power was vested, and of the tribunal to be fully informed about the patient.

There was no equitable obligation on Dr Eggle to refrain from disclosing the report to the hospital or the Home Office and it followed that there was no obligation by implied contract either. In considering Mr Robertson's alternative argument based on legal professional privilege, in that the report was produced for the purposes of legal proceedings before the tribunal, his Lordship, after referring to *Harmony Shipping Co SA v Saudi Europe Line Ltd* (1979) 1 WLR 1380 and *R v King* (1983) 1 WLR 411, 414, concluded that there was a clear and important distinction between, on the one hand, instructions given to an expert, and, on the other, the expert's opinion given pursuant to those instructions, the former being covered by legal professional privilege while the latter was not.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said the case required an examination in an unusual context of the breadth of the duty of confidentiality owed by a doctor to his patient. About 10 years ago W shot four members of a neighbouring family and another neighbour who had come to investigate. He then drove away in his car throwing out the hand-made bombs as he did so.

Later the same day he shot two more people, not neighbours. Five of his victims died and the other two needed major surgery for serious bullet wounds. W was diagnosed as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia. When charged his plea of diminished responsibility was accepted and proceedings 60 and 65 of the Mental Health Act 1959, sections 37 and 41 of the Mental Health Act 1983, providing for his detention without limit of time in a secure hospital. He was still so detained.

His Lordship referred to the relevant sections of the 1959 Act to the Mental Health Review Tribunal Rules (SI 1983 No 942) and described the history of the care and treatment accorded to W and the events leading to the issue, by him, of the writ dated July 11, 1987, from which the writ in January 1988, W's responsible medical officer was Dr Ghosh. Since then he had been under the care of Dr Coorey.

In 1987 Dr Ghosh had recommended to the Home Secretary that W should be transferred to a regional secure unit, taking the view that his schizophrenic declarations (i) that the decision and advice of the President of the GMC, communicated to him in a letter of May 18, 1987, were *ultra vires* and void; (ii) that to the extent that the April 1987 edition of the GMC's publication *Professional Conduct and Discipline: Fitness to Practise* ("the Blue Book") prevented or otherwise inhibited him from publishing in the Press factual information contained in a specimen proposed advertisement, they were *ultra vires* and void.

Mr Anthony Lester, QC, Mr Nigel Fleming and Mr Adam Lewis for Dr Colman, Mr Vivian Robinson, QC and Mr Timothy Straker for the GMC. MR JUSTICE AULD said that the actions of the GMC were plainly susceptible to judicial review since it was a public body established by statute, performing public law functions.

The applicant, a practitioner of holistic medicine directly affected by the GMC's restrictions on advertising, was entitled to seek the above-mentioned declarations because it would be impossible for him to act contrary to the advice in the Blue Book without exposure to disciplinary measures and of being found guilty of serious professional misconduct. It had been contended on his behalf that the GMC's actions infringed the principles (1) of rationality; (2) of proportionality; (3) of equality of treatment; (4) governing the right to work and restraint of

application for judicial review, was whether section 21 applied to the present facts. Counsel for the applicants had contended that it did not, because there was a presumption that an Act of Parliament would not act retrospectively, or affect accrued rights. A similar question had been canvassed, in relation to the predecessor of the 1983 Act, in *Customs and Excise Commissioners v Thorn Electrical Industries Ltd* (1951) WLR 437 (DC) 1661 (HL).

Mr Justice Thompson, delivering the judgment of the Divisional Court (at p448) had declared so far as the argument on retrospectivity was concerned, that had no application here both because the court considered the meaning of the words in the relevant subsection was clear and also because, on the authorities, the effect of those words was not to produce a retrospective result within the area of the presumption properly defined and understood.

In the Lords, both Lord Simon (at p1665) and Lord Fraser (at p1679) had concurred in holding that where the meaning of statutory words was clear, retrospectivity was irrelevant. Counsel's contention, on analysis, involved a rewriting of the words of section 21 of the 1983 Act, so as to introduce words of futurity in place of the perfectly clear and unambiguous words in the phrases "an amount is due" and "that person is liable".

Accordingly there would be an appropriate declaration, in terms to be settled by counsel, on the Companies Court summons, and there would be no order on the application for judicial review. Solicitors: Penningtons for Broomheads, Sheffield; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Power to give leave for unseen amendment Kyme v Exeter Health Authority The High Court had jurisdiction, when proceeding to an application under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to strike out a statement of claim as disclosing no reasonable cause of action, to grant the applicant leave to serve an amended statement of claim within a specified period without the court having seen the proposed amendment, although the more usual course was to give the plaintiff liberty to apply within such period for leave to

THE GATEWAY CORPORATION PLC INTERIM RESULTS 1988. Table showing financial results for 28 weeks to 12/11/88 and 28 weeks to 7/11/87. Includes sections for Turnover, Trading profit, Interest payable, Pre-tax profit, Taxation, Profit after tax, Extraordinary items, Profit for the period, Dividend per share, and Earnings per share. Also includes HIGHLIGHTS and a detailed text block about the company's performance and interim dividend.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Volatile trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began December 12. Dealings end December 23. Contango day December 28. Settlement day January 9. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (na) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 30)

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BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High, Low Stock Price, Change, %

Table listing various funds with columns for high, low, stock price, change, and percentage.

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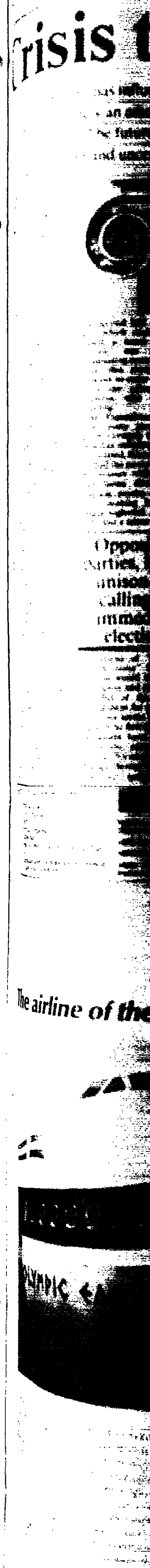
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Table of London financial futures prices for various contracts.

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Table of commodity prices, including London metal exchange and livestock commission.



Crisis that threatens the foundations

Andreas Papandreou has influenced Greek political life for 25 years, but he is now an ailing man besieged by scandals and party infighting. The future of Greece is starting to look increasingly confused and uncertain, writes Mario Modiano

Greece is in the midst of a serious crisis which is affecting the whole spectrum of public life and undermining its institutions. At worst, it could threaten democracy itself.

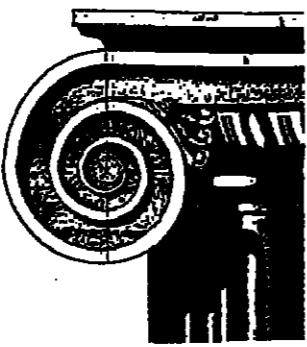
The symptoms have been accumulating for months. They became more visible this autumn when, unexpectedly, Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister, who is 69, had to spend two months in London for a serious heart operation. The prime minister's absence exposed the weaknesses of a political system that, for the past seven years, had relied exclusively on one man's charisma.

Uncertainty and confusion inevitably set in. The supreme homecoming failed to dispel them. Mr Papandreou was visibly weak and shaken. His recovery has been slow. His home has been broken up by his conspicuous and politically embarrassing romance. His government is torn by infighting and his party is demoralized.

At the same time the economy is sagging. Corruption is rampant. A major banking scandal, with ramifications allegedly touching the government hierarchy, threatens to bring about its downfall. Tampering with the judicial process has reinforced suspicions of a cover-up. The Opposition parties, in rare union, are calling for immediate elections, though none are due until next June.

The spate of scandals has paralyzed the government, absorbing all its energies. Strikes abound. The deficit in the 1989 budget is at an unacceptable level. The educational system is disorganized. The quality of health care has declined. Defence seems relevant only in terms of contract kick-backs.

Even the presidency of the European Community, which has been held by Greece for



the second half of this year, and which could have provided a boost for sagging morale, was reduced to eliminating contentious issues from this month's Rhodes summit in order not to over-exert the ailing Mr Papandreou, who chaired the meeting.

Mr Papandreou has weathered many storms in the quarter-century that his presence has influenced, and later dominated, the political scene. He had the power to galvanize the masses with an oratory that spoke directly to the political psyche of the little man, making him feel no longer neglected.

He had a talent of conjuring

Opposition parties, in rare union, are calling for immediate elections

up visions of "even better days to come" for a people who, he would say, deserved the dignity and pride that the powerful of the earth had denied them for centuries.

All this seems to be changing. For the first time criticism and doubt have come from within the party, the Pan-hellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok). Senior party members are questioning Mr

Papandreou's judgement and behaviour. The bulk of the national press, which had given him unstinted support, is now openly hostile. His closest associates have been called "thieves" at public appearances.

Mr Papandreou himself seems too baffled by the turn of events. He mostly keeps a low profile, absorbed in the privacy of his personal life.

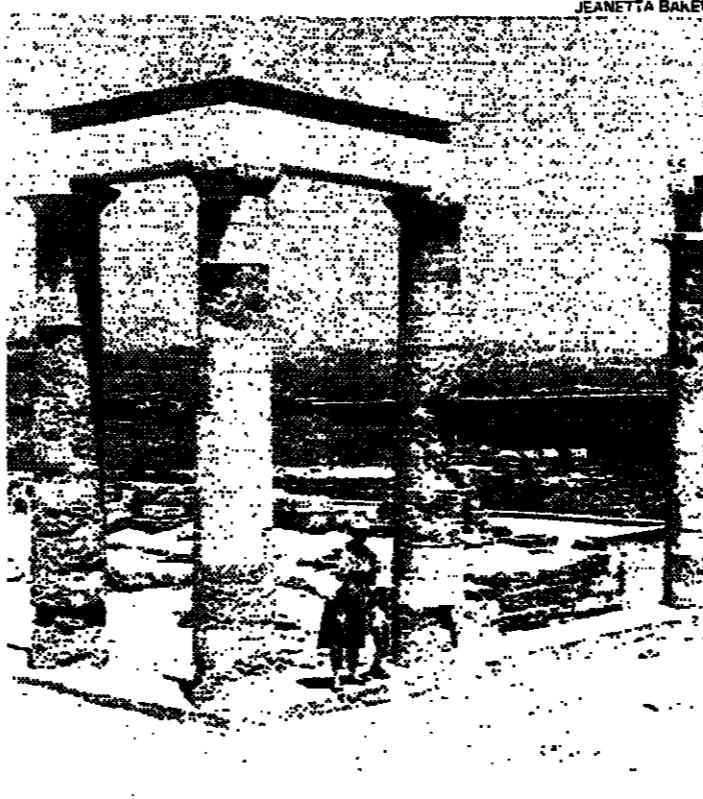
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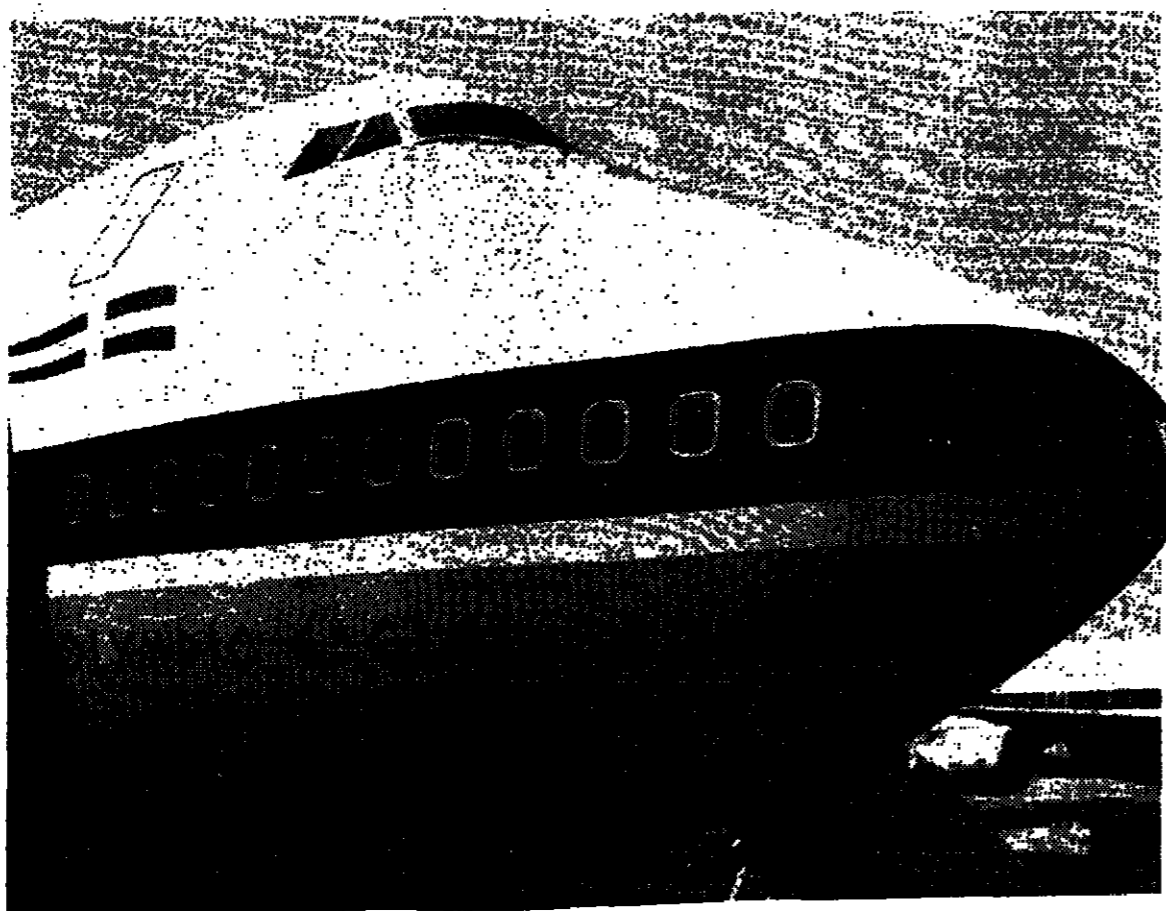
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An easing of the Aegean tensions

Greece's term in the rotating presidency of the European Community, which ends later this month, may go down on record as "blissfully uneventful". But it is certainly a far cry from its first term in 1983 when the Socialist Government, then still young in power, behaved with the non-conformism of a bull in the proverbial china shop, writes *Mario Modiano*.

The sharp contrast of behaviour between the two tenures illustrates the drastic adjustments of Greek foreign policy under the Socialist Party of Andreas Papandreu — from strident, Third World orientated eccentricity to a pragmatic respect for military and economic constraints.

The key constraint, of course, is the costly Greek concern about Turkish expansionism in the Aegean and Cyprus. It is a perception that Turkey has done little to dispel and one that inevitably augments Greek dependence on the West for weapons and the cash to buy them with.

The sudden Greek-Turkish rapprochement in Davos earlier this year between Mr Papandreu and his Turkish opposite number, Turgut Ozal, was an ingenious initiative to break the vicious circle. A no-war deal would enable Socialist Greece to divert funds from defence to much-needed social projects; it would earn Turkey the Greek goodwill it will eventually need in order to join the European Community.

Now, ten months later, it is clear that Mr Papandreu had underestimated the strength of the atavistic antipathy towards Turkey. At the same time, Mr Ozal was unable to restrain Turkey's military from irritating the Greeks by challenging their sovereignty and jurisdiction in the sensitive Aegean area with frequent air violations.

The so-called Spirit of Davos, in fact, remains very much the exclusive brainchild of the two Prime Ministers,



The spirit of Davos: Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu greets Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal at Athens airport this summer during a three day visit

and a small coterie of far-seeing intellectuals and businessmen on both sides.

On the other hand, the improved climate has eased the efforts of the enterprising new President of Cyprus, George Vassiliou, to set in motion procedures, with United Nations help, that could open the way to a solution of the problem of the island's future.

Problems with Turkey permeate Greek strategy on all aspects of its foreign affairs, from cooperation within the Nato alliance to relations with the US and membership of the European Community.

Greece's full membership of the Community is not just a boon that keeps the economy afloat and its farmers happy. It gives Greece the power to block Turkey's entry to this exclusive club. It has become a trump card that the Greek leaders want to trade against security in the Aegean, a peace without territorial or jurisdictional concessions.

Significantly, the main condition presented by the Greek Government to the Americans for a new agreement on their military bases in Greece (the current pact expires this month), is that it should "serve Greece's paramount national interests" — a phrase known to refer to some form

of US safeguard for Greek territorial integrity in the Aegean.

The paradox is that these terms are being dictated by a Socialist Government that had vowed to expel all foreign bases from Greek soil. If the condition is accepted, the United States could surely be tempted to keep Greek obsessions about Turkey alive, if only to perpetuate its military presence in the country.

If Mr Papandreu has not pulled out of the Nato alliance, as indeed he had promised his voters to do, this is because he realized that in Greece's absence, the strategic vacuum in allied contingency plans for the Aegean would be promptly filled by Turkey. This would increase Turkey's political importance to the West and minimize Greece's ability to influence the course of events in the region.

The Socialist Government's eagerness to assert at all times the country's independence has an important domestic dimension. It flatters the historical sensitivities of the Greeks and, above all, it is music to the ears of Mr Papandreu's leftwing supporters. Without their votes he could never win the next elections.

This makes it quite unlikely that the US bases agreement

can be signed before the Greeks go to the polls, which has to be by June, 1989.

The need to convince the public at home that under the Socialists Greece has acquired a voice in world affairs would explain the Greek Government's idiosyncratic openings to the Eastern bloc, such as the concept of a nuclear-free zone in the Balkans, the so-called Peace Initiative of the Six, the indiscriminate support of Soviet peace proposals and, above all, its intimate relationship with radical Arabs to the extent of refusing to draw the line between terrorism and national liberation movements.

A spate of terrorist attacks in Greece in recent years has induced greater cooperation with the West in counter-terrorism, but the suspicion among Greece's western partners lingers on.

It was recently manifested in ways that could have hurt Greek sensitivities deeply, had their government not hushed up these open snubs: first, Greece failed to secure one of the vacant seats on the UN Security Council; then the Western European Union, the European defence pact, brushed aside Greece's application for membership, but admitted Spain and Portugal, which had asked to join long after Greece had signified its interest in joining.

Before developing health problems, Mr Papandreu had made ambitious plans to visit foreign capitals, including Moscow, to make Greece's presidency of the Community felt in such fields as East-West relations and the thorny issue of US-European trade. His heart operation in London left him physically weak, while his personal problems, and his preoccupation with domestic scandals, deprived him of the vigour and prestige he needed for such missions.

As it is, the fact that he managed to chair the European Summit in Rhodes without mishap was quite an achievement.



Site of the ancient Olympics and sacred flame: the Temples of Hera and of Zeus built in 468 BC, and excavated in 1875

Olympia vies for the golden games

Standing amid the cypress trees in the lush hills overlooking the ancient site of Olympia, as the sacred flame is kindled by the rays of the sun, it is a hardened soul who could deny Greece its moral right to stage the 1996 Olympics — the Golden Games.

But romance is not enough in today's harshly competitive and — dare it be said? — commercial atmosphere. George Papandreu, the Education Minister, whose task is to press the government's case for bringing the modern games back to where they were first held in 1896, admits: "The Olympics cannot be run on symbolism alone".

The Greek Olympic Committee has estimated that it will cost \$2.5 billion for the massive infrastructure needed to host the spectacle: two Olympic villages, a new airport, and an extension of the Athens underground system are just some of the projects. But with Greece well into a tough economic austerity programme, doubts are being aired about its ability to carry off the prize.

In the backbiting frenzy of the pre-Games contest, competitors are quick to point out what they see as the major drawbacks to holding them in Athens. The capital's less-than-bracing environment comes in for particular criticism.

The city suffers the dubious distinction of being one of the most polluted in the world:

During the summer — the time of the Olympics — a soupy brown blanket of smog, known locally as "nefos", hangs over it daily, sometimes in temperatures of 100° plus.

It is hardly the sort of oxygen-charged atmosphere to encourage Olympian effort, the critics say. But, the city fathers retort, that didn't stop records tumbling in Los Angeles in 1984, or Mexico City in 1968.

The ever-present Olympic fear of a terrorist attack prompts accusations that Greek security might not be up to the task. The Greek authorities, working hard to update their anti-terrorist precautions, ask whether Barcelona, the choice for the 1992 Games, will be any safer from the threat of Basque separatists.

The dynamic conservative mayor of Athens, Miltiades Eretz, promises: "The dark clouds of violence and political conflict have no place under the blue skies of Attica".

With Athens still the early favourite, trackside opinion is that the final run-off for the centenary Games could develop into another civil war, between Athens and the Australian candidate, Melbourne — which claims to be, by virtue of its huge immigrant population, the world's largest Greek city outside Greece itself.

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Crisis that threatens the foundations

Andreas Papandreou has influenced Greek political life for 25 years, but he is now an ailing man besieged by scandals and party infighting. The future of Greece is starting to look increasingly confused and uncertain, writes Mario Modiano

Greece is in the midst of a serious crisis which is affecting the whole spectrum of public life and undermining its institutions. At worst, it could threaten democracy itself.

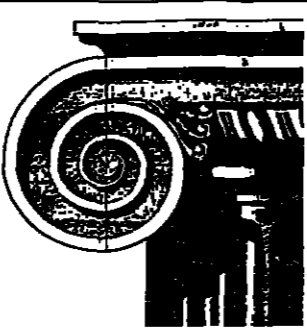
The symptoms have been accumulating for months. They became more visible this autumn when, unexpectedly, Andreas Papandreou, the Socialist Prime Minister, who is 69, had to spend two months in London for a serious heart operation. The prime minister's absence exposed the weaknesses of a political system that, for the past seven years, had relied exclusively on one man's charisma.

Uncertainty and confusion inevitably set in. The supreme's homecoming failed to dispel them. Mr Papandreou was visibly weak and shaken. His recovery has been slow. His home has been broken up by his conspicuous and politically embarrassing romance. His government is torn by infighting and his party is demoralized.

At the same time the economy is sagging. Corruption is rampant. A major banking scandal, with ramifications allegedly touching the government hierarchy, threatens to bring about its downfall. Tampering with the judicial process has reinforced suspicions of a cover-up. The Opposition parties, in rare unison, are calling for immediate elections, though none are due until next June.

The spate of scandals has paralyzed the government, absorbing all its energies. Strikes abound. The deficit in the 1989 budget is at an unacceptable level. The educational system is disorganized. The quality of health care has declined. Defence seems relevant only in terms of contract kick-backs.

Even the presidency of the European Community, which has been held by Greece for



the second half of this year, and which could have provided a boost for sagging morale, was reduced to eliminating contentious issues from this month's Rhodes summit in order not to over-exert the ailing Mr Papandreou, who chaired the meeting.

Mr Papandreou has weathered many storms in the quarter-century that his presence has influenced, and later dominated, the political scene. He had the power to galvanize the masses with an oratory that spoke directly to the political psyche of the little man, making him feel no longer neglected.

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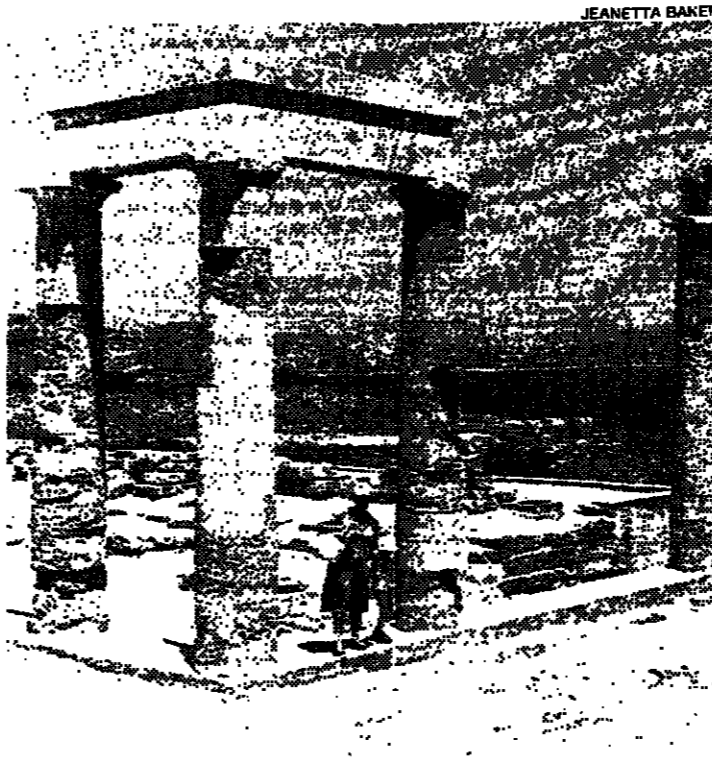
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Stones tell of Greek past



Bronze statue of Poseidon, salvaged from the sea off Cape Artemision in 1928, now in Athens Archaeological Museum

The archaeology of Macedonia arouses fierce passions, even in places left unconquered by Alexander the Great.

A region of thickly forested mountains and broad plains that contrasts sharply with the rocky miniature landscapes of southern Greece, Macedonia used to be seen by scholars as playing only a marginal role before King Philip II, Alexander's father, launched a series of military campaigns in the 350s BC to win control of a large chunk of mainland Greece.

One reason for Macedonia's enduring image problem as a place of doubtful Greekness was a successful propaganda campaign by the Athenian orator Demosthenes, who presented its inhabitants as an army of northern barbarians bent on overrunning civilized southern Greece.

It was so convincing that classicists often managed to overlook the fact that Philip was also the patron of such eminent Athenians as Aristotle the philosopher - his son's tutor - and Euripides

Archaeology provides the answers to the politically inspired debate over the ethnic origins of Macedonia, writes Kerin Hope

More recently, a politically inspired debate has raged over the ethnic origins of Macedonia, whose vaguely defined territory stretches from northern Greece to Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, still fueling irredentist anxiety among Balkan powers. The question asked is always: are the Macedonians Slavs or not?

To Australian immigrants from Yugoslavia, they are Slavs. But to the Greeks, archaeology makes the answer irrefutably clear. A spate of extraordinary finds over the last decade shows that the Macedonians of northern Greece had Greek names and imported the finest Corinthian and Athenian vases; while Greek painters, jewellers and armourers there produced

work of such high quality that it foreshadows the Renaissance.

"In the absence of written history, it's taken archaeology to reveal how rich the lives of the Macedonians were even as early as the 5th century BC," says Professor Manolis Andronikos, who unearthed King Philip II's gold-filled tomb in 1977 from beneath a mound outside the village of Vergina, 50 miles south of Salonika.

Since then he has excavated another 10 tombs at what must have been the royal cemetery of Aigai, the first capital of the Macedonian kings. (It was moved later to Pella, where Alexander the Great was born). Only two of the tombs were found unlooted, but nine of them were decorated with wall-paintings. Although not all have survived in restorable condition, they provide the first real evidence to illustrate the skills of sophisticated classical Greek painters, known until now from descriptions by ancient writers.



Father of Alexander the Great: a gold medallion of King Philip II of Macedonia, instigator of many military campaigns

trayal of Persephone being carried off by a bearded Pluto to his kingdom in the underworld comes from a six-foot high carved marble throne found in a tomb excavated last

year. The gilt-edged painting formed a panel decorating the seat-back and dated from 340 BC. Professor Andronikos said.

But the major composition comes from the facade above the doorway of Philip's tomb and includes what is probably the earliest portrait of Alexander the Great. It depicts a lion-hunting scene in a forest clearing.

Two figures on horseback dominate, one a mature man who Professor Andronikos believes was Philip, who was assassinated in 336 BC at his daughter's wedding. The other is a youth with the penetrating heavy-lidded gaze that later became a trademark for portraying Alexander in sculpture and on coins.

The finds from Vergina are on show in Salonika Museum - much to the annoyance of the villagers, who brought this year's dig to a halt in order to press for a museum to be built close to the site. But before the ban took effect, Professor Andronikos made another spectacular find during cleaning operations in the tomb

that contained the painted marble throne.

Beneath the floor of the plundered tomb was another grave that could be firmly dated to 500 BC on the basis of Corinthian pottery it contained. The skeleton had decayed completely, and all that remained was a set of teeth. But a magnificent array of gold jewellery, some decorated with scenes from Greek mythology indicated a woman's burial.

She had worn a garment edged with strips of gold and sandals with soles made of silver. There was a gold diadem, a necklace of gold beads, a pair of long gilded pins and, oddly, an iron model of a cart similar to one found in the Sindos cemetery near Salonika and displayed in the museum there.

The find demonstrated that already in the archaic period a century and a half before King Philip's reign, Aigai belonged to the mainstream of ancient Greek civilization. At that time, Professor Andronikos likes to point out, the Slavs were still living on the steppes of Asia.

Unwelcome lull in the land of lotus eaters

The Fates have not looked kindly on their native Greece of late, as it struggles to revamp its vital tourist industry in the face of stiff competition from Mediterranean neighbours.

The country's popularity was only just recovering from President Reagan's 1985 warning to American tourists that Athens airport posed a security problem, when it was dealt another savage blow last July, by the still unexplained terrorist attack on the cruise

Greek tourism is suffering from a catalogue of woes which include strong Mediterranean competition, says Chris West

liner City of Poros. There followed a catalogue of woes to frustrate holiday-makers. Greek air traffic controllers went on strike, followed by ferry crews, and the ever-complaining taxi drivers of Athens. Forest fires devastated tens of thousands of acres of woodland. The annual heatwave made life

uncomfortable, if not unbearable. Then, in October, came the accident that so very nearly became one of the world's worst tourist disasters: the sinking after a collision in Piraeus of the cruise ship Jupiter, carrying more than 400 British schoolchildren and their teachers. Just four people lost their lives - a tribute to the skill of the rescuers, and sheer good luck that the ship was not further out to sea.

The Greek authorities maintain they have taken effective action to minimise the risk of such mishaps in the future. Special anti-terrorist squads have been posted at ports and on the ships themselves.

Airport security has been improved to the extent that the International Air Transport Association felt able to declare it was "among the highest in the world". Deals have been struck with disgruntled air traffic controllers and the taxi drivers.

Such problems are a big headache for the Greek Government. Tourism is the country's biggest foreign currency earner, the \$3.5 billion it brings in annually representing nearly 10 per cent of its gross national product, or half its total trade deficit. There is also a growing threat from outside, particu-

larly from Greece's traditional sparring partner, Turkey, where the number of tourists rose by nearly 40 per cent this year. The feeling is now that Greece needs a new image.

"We can no longer be a country of sun, sea and sand", points out Nikos Skoulas, the minister responsible for tourism. "There are newcomers in the business, like Turkey, Tunisia, Algeria or Morocco, who offer that kind of holiday equally well, and at reasonable prices. We must concentrate on the areas where we have the advantage".

These are, he believes, Greece's unique history and geography; the most concentrated collection of classical sites in the western world, and more than 9,000 miles of coastline, much of it untouched by invaders, ancient or modern.

A five year development plan aims to exploit this along two tracks; Greece is making a determined pitch for the lucrative convention market - attracting, for example, the medical world to the island of Kos, the birthplace of Hippocrates, or scientists to Samos, where Pythagoras taught.

The second part of the scheme seeks to develop a chain of yacht marinas, a determinedly up-market venture, with 22 sites in various stages of construction, much of it turned over by the

Socialist government to private enterprise, with the backing of £56 million from European Community funds.

The Government has stopped pouring money into areas where tourism has reached saturation level, such as Athens, northern Crete, Corfu and Rhodes, and centred it on the island chains of the Cyclades and Dodecanese.

Tourist chiefs promise that poor facilities and services will be upgraded to match the sort of clientele they are trying to bring in.

Not that Greece has forgotten its debt to the holiday-makers who discovered its delights for a handful of drachmas a day. "We will always have dependence on the package-deal tourist" says Mr Skoulas. "And we have no problems with the backpackers; often they are educated young people who just want to get away from the crowds. In later years, we hope they'll return, with suitcases, and their families."

One type of tourist the Greeks hope they have seen the back of is the holiday hooligan - loud, drunk and, depressingly, British. The blackspot was Corfu, where at the height of the season, four out of five visitors come from the UK.

Pippa Hughes, the British consul, has to sort out the trouble when groups of boisterous youngsters, sometimes in packs of 16 or 18 strong, go on drinking binges that last for days.

Mr Skoulas, who confesses to having been "down in the dumps" over the problem, had talks with an equally appalled British minister, Tim Eggar, and pleaded with the British tourist industry to cut back on the number of "seat-only" plane tickets on sale, in a bid to keep some measure of control over the rowdies.

The appeal seems to have been heeded, although it contributed to a sharp drop in the number of British visitors to Greece - 1.79 million this year, a decrease of nearly 10 per cent over 1987. Nevertheless, Britain remains at the top of Greece's foreign visitor list, and tourist chiefs reckon they have managed to lose the 10 per cent they did not want.

They are not depressed by a disappointing total of foreign arrivals - at 8.2 million, short of their target of 8.5 million. They point to a balance-sheet showing an increase in tourist revenue of some 10 per cent.

Greece's major problem in seeing the fulfilment of its upwardly mobile dream will be the cutting through of the red tape and conflicts of interest between government departments that in the past has kept so many projects on the drawing board.

It will be the first task for Mr Skoulas and his newly-created Ministry of Tourism and Air Transport, which, surprising as it may seem in a country so dependent on holidaymakers, opens its doors for the first time on January 1.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

TV's teaching role in danger

OPINION
Lady Plowden

For the first time in broadcasting history, the Government proposes to drop the universal obligation on broadcasters to inform and educate, as well as to entertain. This is the more startling because this Government well recognises in its White Paper "the unique power of the broadcasting media to shape perceptions, and their influence over attitudes and actions". The proposals confirm the need to protect the public from obscenity or violence but make next to no reference to the need for the educational power of broadcasting.

It is true that educational broadcasting will continue to be the responsibility of a weakened BBC and a Channel 4 cut loose from its links with ITV. They will be competing with a great range of new channels, which have no remit to educate (except that Channel 3 is apparently to be required to continue the work of the ITV Schools Service). All this from a Government that wants to develop the contribution of the "active citizen" to volunteering, community care, self-reliance and responsible and moral behaviour. It is extraordinary that independent broadcasting's work in educational follow-up is thus to be cast aside, after a decade of immense progress.

Ten years ago, ITV's adult education output was primarily leisure-oriented. Such series as *Positive Soccer* with Jackie Charlton attracted small audiences. The IBA's Educational Advisory Council and education staff pressed to get more lasting educational effects. The results have been remarkable. The IBA extended the reach of broadcasting by offering the audience the chance to follow up its viewing. It established community education officers to provide printed material or other opportunities for viewers to pursue their interest. All ITV companies now have a full-

time CEO, or an equivalent arrangement. Some have expanded into community units, the largest of which is LWT's London community unit, which works with adult and further education tutors and trainees in business, libraries, publishing, and voluntary organizations.

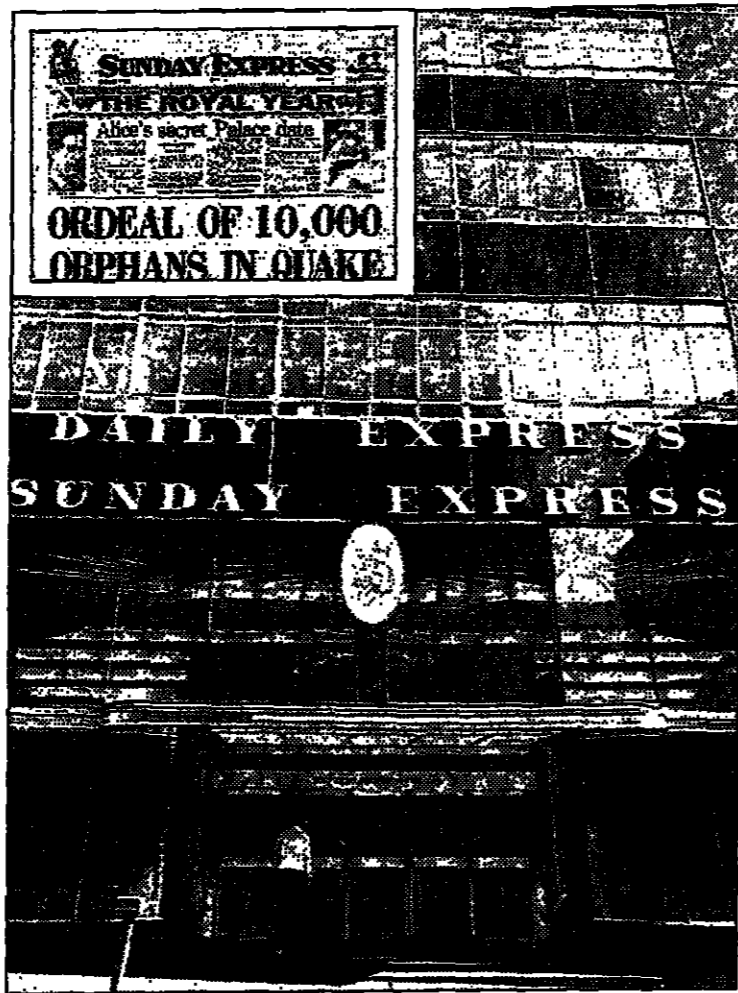
Thames's networked series this year about alcoholism, *Breaking the Habit*, involved several major national alcohol agencies and was supported by a telephone information line and a free viewers' leaflet.

Without the necessary legislation, I fear that the new commercial television companies will have no incentive to produce appropriate programming or provide the off-air follow-up. They will have to respond to the demands of advertisers and the need to cut costs. Channel 4 may try to pick up the fallen standard. It, too, will be under increasing competitive pressures. Much of the community education output informs those at risk or in need about self-help opportunities. All this will be lost, as will the idea of broadcasting as a medium of communication, an educative force, as well as a business.

Television can do little on its own to improve general standards of education, but in partnership with others it has considerable power. On the other hand, there can be little doubt of the long-term effects of television that has no educational purpose at all.

● Lady Plowden was chairman of the IBA 1975-80 and president of the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education 1980-88.

Not for groopers in the mud



Those who thought the spectre of Edwin Currie looming over their breakfast-time scrambled eggs was frightening enough had better steel themselves: soon the junior health minister's presence will also be making itself felt during the commercial breaks on television.

On the day after Boxing Day, the Health Education Authority is launching a £1.4 million advertising campaign exhorting people to exercise more and to watch what they eat, drink and smoke. It is part of its "look after your heart" initiative to fight heart disease, which kills more than 160,000 Britons each year.

"We are going to let people get their bellies full and feel really bloated and then off we'll go," says Michael Hockney, the managing director of the HEA's agency, Butterfield Day Devito Hockney.

The agency (which, at just under two years old, is part of the advertising industry's creatively-based Third Wave) was appointed to handle the "look after your heart" account four months ago in a move indicative of the new mood at the HEA.

Until April 1987, the authority did not exist. It was known as the Health Education Council and was a Government quango. Although its primary purpose was to educate the British public on health, the most visible campaigning it had done in the past 20 years was Saatchi & Saatchi's pregnant man, an early 1970s effort to promote birth control.

Since its rebirth as the

On December 29, 1918, the beautiful Lady Diana Manners, one of Lord Beaverbrook's most treasured friends, started the presses in a blaze of publicity for Fleet Street's new paper - the *Sunday Express*.

Seventy years on, Robin Esser, editor of the paper for the past two years, says it will have a modest yet tasteful celebration on the fifth floor of the Express building, known as the "Black Lubyanka", to celebrate the anniversary. "We'll have some appropriate port, Cocksburn's 18," he says, "and a mainly internal celebration to say farewell to Fleet Street after so long."

In about six months the paper will move south of the river near Blackfriars Bridge. Esser is convinced that the paper's loyal readership will keep it going well into the 21st century.

Sunday Express readers used to be called "Twinkles" - because they were the kind of solid citizens who always arrives two hours early for a train departure or flight. Now, Esser says, they are "middle-aged, sober, grey-haired Thatcherites - the heart of middle England".

But there are fewer of them than there used to be. In 1976 the paper's circulation was over three million. It has lost 30 per cent in a decade. Getting to three million was a painful and expensive achievement. When Beaverbrook launched his innovative paper - the first to carry a crossword and a horoscope - his

After 70 years, the Beaverbrook formula may need a shake-up, writes **David Leitch**

advisers said there would be a £20,000 loss in the first year. In fact, he had to put in nearly £2 million from his Canadian fortune before the *Express* turned the corner into profitability.

Five editors came and went. Beaverbrook felt obliged in the end to edit the paper himself and took up residence on the top floor of the "Black Lubyanka". He wrote the paper's credo in his inimitable son-of-the-manse Canadian prose: "What we want is a newspaper which fulfils neither the desires of the extreme highbrow, nor of the groper in the mud of life, but of the ordinary men and women of culture in any walk of life who require sound news and good views put before them in an attractive manner."

John Gordon, its editor from 1927 to 1952, stuck closely to Beaverbrook's blueprint. "There will never be anything in the paper which parents will find undesirable to have lying around the house," he wrote. "Nothing cheap, vulgar or nasty." The formula, though appar-

ently unexciting, worked superbly for 60 years.

Today, however, all is not well. *The Mail on Sunday* is getting alarmingly close to what was once "the first quality Sunday newspaper". According to the newspaper analyst Harold Lind, the paper has deep problems. "There are precious few signs of the trends against it changing," he says, "and there must be a crisis of confidence, if not of profitability." However, he believes it is still an attractive medium for advertisers wishing to reach the over-fifties with money in the bank.

Newspaper guru Clive Irving, himself a former *Express* man, says the paper is still a reflection of its famous columnist, Sir John Junor. "His ideal page one picture was always an under-dressed stilet wearing arriving at Heathrow," he said. "We were supposed to hold her in contempt and just after her at the same time. The *Sunday Express* was always a paper peering nervously down the bosom of the next generation."

Esser does not see it in quite the same way. "In the last two years I have made many unobtrusive changes," he says. "We're keeping discreetly in step with Thatcher's England."

Ronald de Pear, media director of J. Walter Thompson, takes a middle view. "Here is a great newspaper, part of the fabric of British life, now badly in need of a radical overhaul," he says.

Pulling at the heart-strings

Lisa O'Kelly reports on advertising's role in the battle for a healthier nation

government-funded but independently run HEA, the authority has been getting wise to the ways of advertising, thanks to its new advertising director John Flaherty, who joined earlier this year from ad agency Downtown's. It was Flaherty who orchestrated a risky agency switch on the Aids account last August, after the

HEA took over responsibility for fighting the disease.

He appointed the Labour Party agency Boase Massimi Pollitt to work on a radically different strategy, the first fruits of which are due next year.

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Fans of the fanzine

The underground football Press is scoring in London

Tomorrow night, Britain's leading sports journalists will gather at the Cafe Royal for the annual dinner of the Sports Writers Association, celebrating its 40th anniversary. But outside the mainstream of the football writers, there is a mushrooming alternative.

Every Saturday lunchtime at Sportspages, the specialist bookshop on London's Charing Cross Road, there can be found a varied collection of individuals, united by a passion for football, who head for the piles of amateur-looking publications costing from 30p to £1.

These books are fanzines, the underground press of the football ground. From a trickle of alternative national football magazines in the '70s, there is now a flood of partisan publications owing allegiance to individual clubs.

"London is not only full of Londoners who follow Arsenal or Spurs, it's full of people from all over the country who still support their home team," Tim Collier, the assistant manager at Sportspages, says. "So they come here to buy their fanzines."

A typical fanzine sells about 50 copies a week. They have a mix of content, including: *Sing When We're Fishing* (Grimby Town); *Brian Moore's Head Looks Uncannily Like The London Planarium* (Gillingham) and *A Kick Up The Ks* (QPR).

The contents range from serious articles on the proposed compulsory membership scheme for club supporters to less serious topics. A recent issue of *The Absolute Game*, the Scottish fanzine, devoted a page, entitled *The Glorious Greaseballs*, to a critique of footballers' hairstyles.

Alasdair Riley



Complaints department: viewers objected to (from left) the children's programme *Knightmare*.

Hardwicke House, and a rape in *Sins*

The television industry enters a new era in 1989, but a glance at this year's catalogue of viewers' complaints should remind it that some things — including the great British public — never change. It likes to complain to the tune of more than 280,000 telephone calls and 95,000 letters a year.

The criticisms levelled at its terrestrial rivals may prove distressing reading for the satellite challengers. Top of the league table is scheduling. People complain that programmes are shown at the wrong time and on the wrong day, and that times are changed at the last minute. The greater choice provided by several new services will, presumably, add to the frustration.

More important for the newcomers, the second major gripe is the number of repeats. This dissatisfaction is supported by research by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA), which suggests that 22 per cent of viewers think ITV shows too many repeats, and 27 per cent think BBC1 does. Satellite programming will rely on repeats and this may deter people from investing in satellite dishes.

Despite some viewers' beliefs, TV stations cannot broadcast whatever they choose; programmes are governed by guidelines laid down in the Broadcasting Act, 1981. The BBC's final arbiter on what can be shown is its Director-General; for the independent sector it is the IBA, which can issue reprimands if it feels standards have not been maintained. It warned Tyne Tees, for example, after Jools Holland used a four-letter word. After three reprimands the IBA can take away a contract, although it has never done it.

A further source of redress is the Broadcasting Complaints Commission. Set up under the 1981 Act, it can receive complaints about unfair treat-

Lessons in the mailbag

The new satellite channels should heed the gripe factor, Susan d'Arcy writes

ment or infringement of privacy by ITV on the BBC.

Bad language, violence and sex are much less likely to be the subject of complaint than repeats, and even fall behind grumbles about the sanitization of feature films for TV.

However, the recent Joan Collins mini-series *Sins* provoked a heavy and critical mailbag because it showed a violent rape before the 9pm watershed. Other weighty sacks came in response to the Anglia children's programme *Knightmare* ("encourages an interest in the occult"), Channel 4's *Testament* ("sacrilegious") and *New Faces* ("Nina Myskow is too rude").

However, often Press hype encourages an impression in the public's mind which manifests itself as opinion. For example, in 1987, during the violence-on-TV debate, an independent report by Dr Guy Cumberbatch

of Aston University concluded that although there was less violence on TV than 10 years ago, most people thought there was more. The 1987 IBA annual report also noted that complaints about violence, normally

about 5 per cent of all comments, also rose.

A serious repercussion from this could well be a self-censorship by cautious programme-makers when covering sensitive areas, to ensure their product reaches the screen. This may be especially true of politically controversial documentaries. One of the most complaints this year was *Death on the Rock*, a Thames *This Week* programme which explored the shooting of an IRA team in Gibraltar.

"There was a robust response both before and after the programme was shown," a Thames spokesman says.

The criticisms may prove distressing for the satellite challengers

BYLINES

Campaign goes flat

Harp Lager has dropped its advertising agency, Dorland, leaving an account worth nearly £7 million up for grabs. The move follows Dorland's TV advertising campaign earlier this year which featured the late-night chat show host Jonathan Ross and had to be withdrawn because it ran foul of new IBA guidelines on liquor advertising. According to an agency insider, the fact that there were as many as four new campaigns in three years suggested that client and agency were in a state of "perpetual reassessment in seeing eye to eye on product image". Six agencies have been invited to pitch for the account.

Trying harder

BBC *Breakfast Time* is to be given a new look in the spring. It will become more formal with "a harder news edge", the BBC said this week, after appointing Bob Wheaton, editor of the *Six O'Clock News* and a known corporation heavyweight, to be editor in charge of restyling the programme. His predecessor, Dave Stanford, replaces Wheaton on the early evening news bulletin. TV-am, meanwhile, is confident that the changes will do nothing to dent *Good Morning Britain's* 75 per cent share of the viewers. "The last time they went harder, in October 1986, their proportion of the audience actually fell," said Press officer David Keighly.

Marketing Week, Irving, 55, who worked with Harold Evans at Conde Nast in New York, blamed "a clash of philosophies, not of personalities". He added: "I sought to involve my editors much more in the commercial and marketing aspects of the business. But that's not the way they do it here, and I failed to convert them." He said the split between editorial and management was traditional in British publishing, unlike in America, where collaboration was "already very refined". He will leave in January.

Briefing . . .

The first issue of *Satellite Times*, a 100-page news and features listing magazine specializing in satellite and cable programmes, goes on sale at the end of January, priced at £1.20. On the first morning in their new Kensington offices, the *Evening Standard* editorial team had to cope with the Clapham train disaster. Harold Evans, former editor of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, is to write and present a six-part BBC television series on photography next year. Five thousand people have applied for two researcher's jobs on LWT's *South Bank Show*. Meanwhile, so eager is LWT to keep its new current affairs programme *Eye Witness* under wraps that producers pulled the plug on the company's own in-house TV monitors when a pilot was screened. A media campaign to raise money for the Armenian earthquake disaster has been launched by Ron McKay, publishing director of *IT Matters* and the man who launched *Media Week*.

Paul Charman

Street stories

The long-awaited treatise by Charles Wintour on Fleet Street press barons, ancient and modern, is complete, the former *Evening Standard* editor said this week. Although called *The Rise and Fall of Fleet Street* — and to be published by Century Hutchinson next year — the book's title merely referred to the geographical departure of the nationals from London's EC4, stressed Wintour. He was "optimistic about the British Press". The careers of tycoons from Lord Northcliffe through to Conrad Black, the Canadian owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, are surveyed in the book, which also includes candid interviews with Robert Maxwell and Rupert Murdoch.

Culture clash

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The houses in Holland Park, west London, rival the best in the capital. This is an area in as great demand as any. "Here there continues to be an unfulfilled demand for very large properties that can be converted into secluded and secure homes for the very rich. For anyone else the area is now *hors de concours*", say the agents Beauchamp Estates in a survey.

Support for the claim comes from the recent sale of one of these large, double-fronted Victorian houses in Holland Park to an Arab prince for £3.1 million. It is totally refurbished but retains its original features. It has six bedrooms, a staff flat, a 55ft reception room, and a swimming pool in the basement.

Most of the big houses in Holland Park were built by the Radford brothers in the mid-19th century after William Radford, a builder, bought the lease of land on the Holland Park estate. Some remain as entire houses but these properties lend themselves to conversion into flats, which is what is happening to number 45 Holland Park, Grade II listed, and built in 1865 by the Radford family. The

house has been completely restored to create six apartments, keeping period embellishments including the balustrades and stucco facades.

The scheme is by Radmark Properties, which has been responsible for many Victorian conversions in the past 10 years, and the apartments - of one, two and three bedrooms - range from £225,000 to £600,000 through Marsh & Parsons in Norland Square.

Another of the Radford houses is for sale through Bargets. It is on the old Holland Park estate, and the agents say the land on which it is built was allegedly sold by the Ilchester family to pay off gambling debts. Recently the house provided the location for the film *Plenty*, starring Sir John Gielgud, and a forthcoming television programme, *Inspector Morse*, was also filmed here.

The house is now home to 12 people, fitting easily into the seven bedrooms and three reception rooms. It has 17 bedrooms and three reception rooms, and - in the agents' words - is awaiting refurbishment to join those that have already been restored to provide fine

private homes, embassy residences or apartments. Bargets is seeking offers of more than £2.25 million.

Marsh & Parsons is also marketing an unusual development of new houses, set behind the shops fronting the Avenue close to Holland Park Underground station. The scheme, by Bellhouse Joseph, is of 12 town houses, in two terraces of six, facing each other across a landscaped courtyard. One of the terraces has four-bedroom houses on three floors with two reception rooms, the other two-storey houses with three bedrooms and one large reception room. They are reached through a marbled, colonnaded entrance and a glass pavilion, or belvedere, one floor up, opening on to the courtyard.

The larger houses have a paved terrace overlooking Holland Park Avenue. The smaller ones have balconies. All have a secure garage space. They are £295,000 and £375,000, with estimated service and maintenance charges of £675 and £790.

Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent



Converted: Number 45 Holland Park is now flats

IN THE MARKET

■ Warren Hastings Manor, at Churchill, Oxfordshire, is well named. Its origins are in a medieval hall house recorded in 1571, but in the early 18th century it was tenanted by the Rev Peniston Hastings, vicar of Daylesford. Here his grandson, Warren Hastings, the first Governor-General of India, was born on December 6, 1732.

The house is now within an attractive Cotswold village and easily accessible to the improving road and rail network. It has two reception rooms, three main and three further bedrooms,

and a staff or guest cottage. There is about an acre of grounds, including outbuildings. Warren Hastings Manor has not been on the market for well over a decade, and Bernard Thorpe's *Stow-on-the-Wold* office wants around £350,000.

■ A cottage for sale in what is said to be Britain's smallest street. Such a claim will be disputed, but The Street, Chew Stoke, near Bristol, is about 100ft long and narrows to about 7ft wide. The terrace cottage, in local stone, 300 years old and recently restored, has two

reception rooms and two bedrooms. The price, through Baresford Dorman Reeves, is £120,000.

■ Top properties still sell, even in a slow market. The proposed sale of three London penthouses could show whether this is true. In Hyde Park Gate, Kensington, Savills, with John D. Wood, is selling the penthouse of a Victorian mansion block. It has a 40ft drawing room with a five-sided bay window, five bedroom suites, and a 2,000 sq ft roof garden with views of nearby chimneys and Kensington

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In the heart of St James's, overlooking St James's Street, Savills, with Aylesford and Keih Cardio Groves, is offering two penthouses in a period building close to Green Park and Piccadilly. Duke's View, nearly 3,000 sq ft, has a large reception room leading to balconies, a dining room, a master bedroom suite, two further bedrooms and a separate staff flat. The Palace View penthouse, reached by private lift, has two bedroom suites and two further bedrooms, and a skyline view

taking in St James's Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Palace of Westminster. For leases over 60 years, the prices are £3.15 million for Palace View and £1.85 million for Duke's View.

■ Alresford House in Alresford, Hampshire, was built by Admiral Rodney in the mid-18th century. It has spacious reception rooms, a music room, and a staff flat, with 10 bedrooms, and is for rent. It is suitable for residential, conference or business use, subject to planning. The guide rent is £3,000 a month through Jackson-Stops & Staff.

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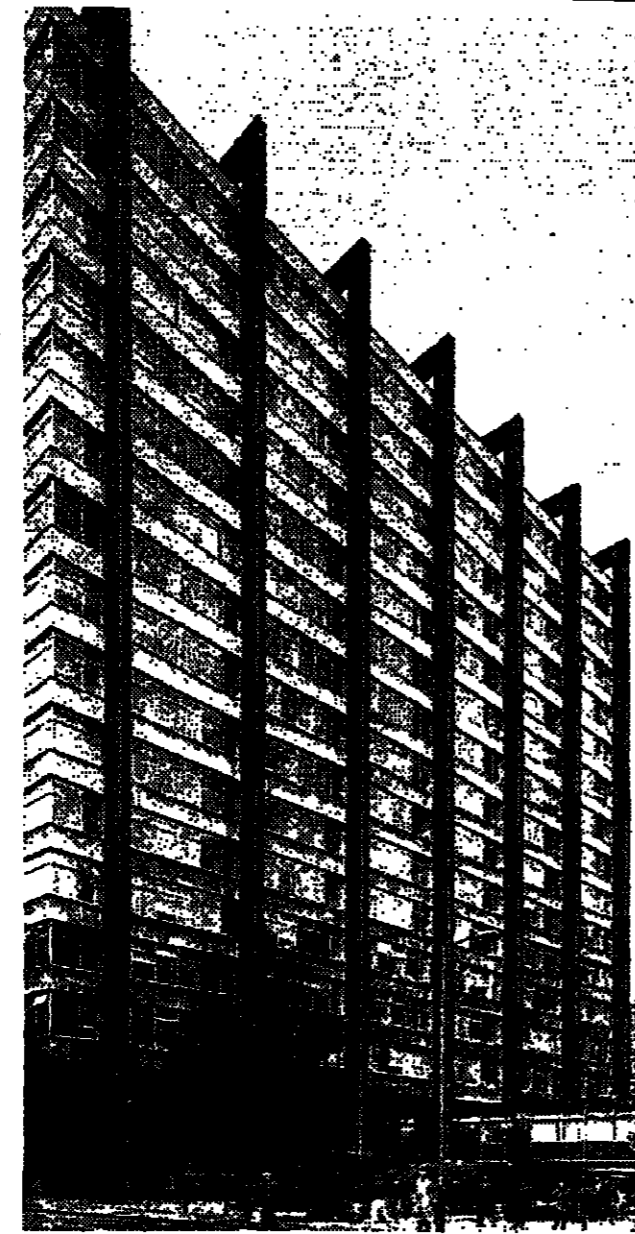
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

The State may be toppled!

State House in High Holborn, an early 1960s London building that would be unlikely to gain any plaudits from the Prince of Wales, has been acquired by Joey Esland's Winglaw Group for £65 million.

The 400,000 sq ft office building is at present let to the Property Services Agency on a short-term lease at a rent of £6.3 million a year, equivalent to £25 per sq ft. Winglaw is a private company with a development programme of more than a million square feet, valued at more than £500 million, in which the publisher Robert Maxwell has a strong interest. Two of Mr Maxwell's companies, Maxwell Communications Corporation and Bishopsgate Investment Management, each acquired a 10 per cent stake in March.

Mr Esland believes State House represents a superb opportunity for a landmark development, and Winglaw is considering the replacement of the widely criticized building with a new £250 million office development.



Christopher Warman reviews rentals for shop premises from east to west

Oxford Street in front

Oxford Street is the leading shopping street in Europe, according to the international agents Healey & Baker in a survey of retail rents all over the world.

National and international retailers are still fighting to gain representation on Oxford Street, which is forcing the rental levels beyond those of other cities in Europe such as Cologne, Munich and Paris.

At the same time these highly sought-after European locations are expensive compared with Japanese and American centres, and are therefore increasingly attractive to investors and retailers from those countries that wish to expand their international operations, especially with the advent of the European Single Market in 1992.

Healey & Baker found that The Ginza in Tokyo has the highest rents, at £730 (£400 per square foot), followed by New York's East 57th Street at \$425 (\$235), Fifth Avenue, \$400 (\$220), and Madison Avenue, \$325 (£180).

In Britain retail sales in the West End of London have continued to rise, reflecting the strength of consumer spending during 1988. Demand for prime shopping locations has kept rents and premiums high, maintaining rapid growth and bringing the

annual rate of increase to 24.02 per cent.

Oxford Street leads the way, with rents of £140 (£250) per square foot, followed by Brompton Road, Knightsbridge, at £110 (£195), Bond Street, £95 (\$170), Regent Street, £85 (\$150), King's Road, Chelsea, £65 (\$115), and Kensington High Street and Piccadilly, £55 (\$98).

Princes Street, Edinburgh, attracts rents of £60 to £65

(£105 to £115), while the retail demand in Wales is reflected in the rents in Queen Street, Cardiff, which stand at £77 (£136). The retail market in Scotland remains extremely healthy, the agents say, and because of the shortage of prime shop units coming on to the market recently there has been fierce competition for all those that have become available.

In Wales the market is eagerly awaiting both the im-

plementation of the London and Edinburgh Trust redevelopment of the former Alders department store, and the already well advanced Guardian Royal Exchange "capital exchange" scheme.

Healey & Baker reports that in the Irish Republic the retail market in Dublin continues to improve, rents in both Henry Street and Grafton Street having moved further ahead.

There is a shortage of prime shop units in the two main streets and large premiums are being paid even for almost rack-rented properties, although the volume of transactions is not sufficient for trends to be analysed as effectively as in the UK.

Rentals at present are at \$68.75 (£38) for Henry Street and \$60.68 (£33) for Grafton Street. The optimism in the air in the republic means increases are expected to continue.

The survey, interestingly called Main Streets across the World, shows that in West Germany Munich and Cologne have the most expensive streets, with rents at \$185 (£102), and in Paris the top retail rents are \$197 (£110) in the Rue du Faubourg, St Honoré, and \$161 (£88) in the Avenue des Champs Élysées.

For the survey's purposes a standard prime unit of about 2,400 sq ft was used.

It's boom, not gloom

There is no gloom in the commercial property market, to judge by the latest Investors Chronicle Hillier Parker Property Market Indicators. The survey states quite simply: "The property boom is continuing."

The survey's rent index rose by 30 per cent in the 12 months to November, bringing the levels in real terms to the highest recorded. Industrial rental growth is also the highest on record at 36 per cent, higher than either retail or office rental growth, and the survey's all-property returns was 41 per cent in the year to November.

Commenting on the findings, John Edgcombe, business space partner at Hillier Parker, said the growth within all sectors of business space had been steady, if not spectacular, in the past six months.

He said: "This is not confined to the often reported rises in West End office rents. Rental growth has been very substantial in both office and industrial properties in the South-East, South-West and Midlands, with very marked industrial rental growth in Wales. There has also been steady growth throughout the North, with specific locations in Scotland showing some dramatic growth. So 1988 has proved to be the 'year of business space'."

The rent index is such that rents could remain flat in the next six months and still show growth of more than 10 per cent for the year to May 1989.

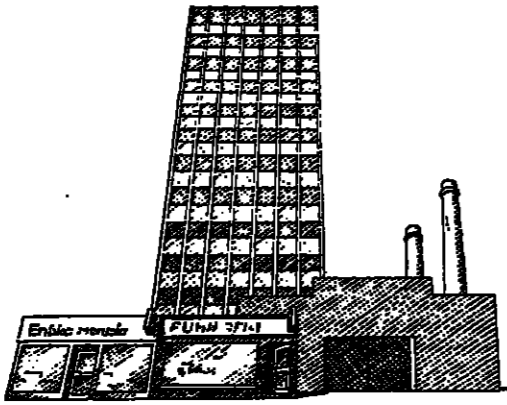
BRIEFING

Randworth Trust has completed a series of transactions at its Derry & Toms building in Kensington, west London, with an office pre-letting of the entire third floor of 50,000 sq ft to Visa International at £34 per square foot. This figure compares with the £6.50 per square foot paid by the present occupants, the Kensington Exhibition Centre, and follows the granting of planning permission for a change of use from exhibition to office space.

AMEC Properties, part of the construction company AMEC plc, has won the competition for the right to develop 250,000 sq ft of office, retail, shopping, offices, restaurant, pub and residential units at Salford Quays, centrepiece of the city council's master plan for the area. The £50 million development, due for completion in mid-1991, will be the North-West's largest office development and will include a heritage museum. The architects are the Percy Thomas Partnership.

Several clients are negotiating to buy the nine-acre island, Pitt's Eye, in the Thames near Hampton Court. Most of the properties on the island are used for boat-building and similar activities. All have leases or tenancies expiring by 1992. Richmond upon Thames borough council will consider any schemes that could regenerate the island, preferring leisure, industrial and commercial uses, while the potential buyers are proposing both industrial and residential use. The deal, through London agents Goddard & Smith, would involve buying the island's freshwater and Port Hampton, the company that owns it.

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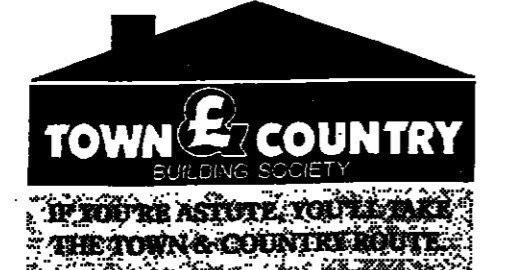
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The £3.1 billion business of betting

CHRIS HARRIS



RACING AND THE BOOKMAKERS

Are the bookmakers putting enough back into the sport from which they make their living? The Times today starts a three-part analysis with this report from Graham Rock on the conflict in racing

Horse racing generated £3.1 billion in betting turnover from 22 million people in the last financial year. Yet it is pleading lack of money for improvements to everything from stable pads to racecourse facilities and prize-money.

After a breakdown in talks between the Levy Board and the bookmakers, its demand for a bigger slice of the betting action is before the Home Secretary, and there are ever-louder calls for a Government inquiry into racing.

The profit made by bookmakers from betting on racing in the United Kingdom is one of the country's best-kept secrets. Even though City analysts use logic and deduction to arrive at estimates, the rewards of the large bookmaking chains are shrouded by accountants under the cloaks of their parent companies.

British racing has persistently looked with envy at other countries which stage inferior sport but enjoy greater wealth from the betting business, and the racing establishment is pressing for a bigger share of the spoils.

If the Bookmakers' Committee had agreed terms with the Horserace Betting Levy Board over the rate of deduction for the 28th Levy period, 1988-89, much of the clamour would have been stifled. But the lack of rapport means that the Home Secretary will have to arbitrate. He is not short of advice.

A three-year agreement, which produced an average 0.88 per cent of turnover for racing, will expire next March. The Levy Board wanted to maintain that rate, stipulated an increase in betting stimulated by Satellite Information Services (SIS). The bookmakers asked for a change in the basis of Levy assessment, which would have produced only 0.82 per cent of turnover, a shortfall of £2.3 million on the Levy Board's request.

Racing's financial relationship with the bookmakers stems from the Betting Levy Act of 1961. Until then, racing had existed on its own resources, mainly owners' entry fees and racecourse admission charges.

By 1961, off-course betting shops had been licensed, the opportunity for a Tote monopoly (such as those in other countries) had passed by, and there was a common consent among bookmakers, delighted at the demise of the Tote monopoly cause, to make a contribution to racing, purely as a matter of self-interest.

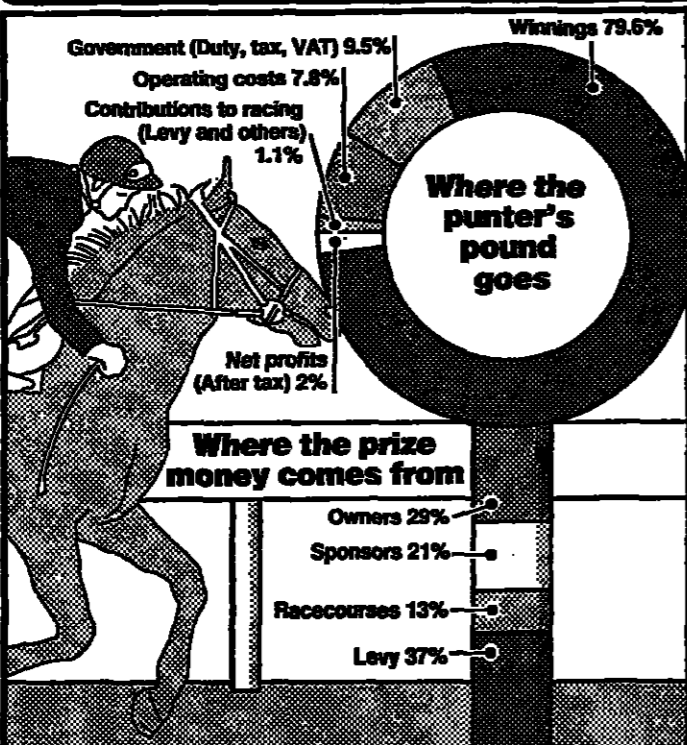
Betting tax, reintroduced in 1966, aided the efficient collection of the levy; evasion was then commonplace and although it is practised to a lesser degree today, with some companies restricting the size of betting shop groups to avoid the highest levy rates, it remains a nagging problem.

The battles between the Levy Board and bookmakers continued over the years. The Board wanting more for the improvement of racing and the bookmakers reluctant to offer more — with intermittent abatement, until



Technological revolution in the betting shops: Punters at a Ladbrokes office in central London are kept up to date by banks of display screens provided by the bookmaker and by Satellite Information Services

THE MONEY GAME



the 1980s, when a calmer atmosphere prevailed.

Co-operation has brought benefit to both sides, none more so than through the maximization of levy through maximization of turnover — the optimum arrangement of the racing fixture list to produce the highest betting turnover.

Throughout the history of the Levy Board, the power of the main bookmakers has steadily increased: last year, the Big Four, Ladbrokes, Hills, Corals and Mecca, were estimated to have owned 42 per cent of all betting shops, accounting for 68 per cent of the total turnover of £3,126 million in the year to March 31, 1988.

Ladbrokes, named after a small village in Worcestershire, was sold by its founder, Arthur Bendir, to the Stein family in 1957. One of the first to realize the potential of betting shops, Ladbrokes went public in 1967.

But the roulette wheel spun against the company in the 1970s and its public image was tarnished by criticism of its casino operation. Racing, however, was impressed when the company moved in to manage the Grand National and to save the Aintree course.

Now a large leisure corporation, which owns the Hilton Hotel chain, the company's racing division returned profits for the last full year of £62 million.

That figure sends the pulse of any racing pundit soaring, but the company has betting shops in The Netherlands, Belgium and Ire-

land, as well as race tracks and betting concessions in the United States. Like its competitors, the profit figure for its United Kingdom operation, with 1,760 betting shops and 23 per cent of the market in terms of turnover, remains a secret.

William Hill, a legendary rails bookmaker, was opposed to betting shops when they first arrived, and not until the late 1960s was he convinced of their profitability.

His company, Holders Investment Trust, quickly acquired a series of well-established betting shop chains but Hill died in 1971 and Sir Charles Clore acquired a majority shareholding in the company. Now, Sears Holdings owns the William Hill betting shops, more than 800 in this country and others in Belgium.

Another famous bookmaker, Joe Coral, founded his credit business in 1926, opened betting shops soon after legislation permitted, and became a public company in 1963.

Corals merged with another sizeable bookmaker, Mark Lane, in 1971, but also ran into trouble with its casino operation. Bass took over Corals in 1981 and the company has 810 betting shops in the United Kingdom, others in Ireland and Jersey, and it owns two greyhound tracks, Romford and Hove.

separated from the group's other interests, Mecca Leisure and London Clubs (Casinos). It has 800 shops and racing interests in Malaysia, Africa and Ireland; the company is also pursuing opportunities in the United States.

The Tote — the Horserace Totalisator Board — has had a chequered career. It was formed in 1928 to provide an on-course betting facility but did not thrive until Tote Investors Limited (TIL), a private company, was set up three years later to channel off-course bets to the Tote on the racecourse.

The Tote took over TIL in 1962 and opened High Street betting shops offering Tote-only bets. These were not wholly successful and in 1972 further legislation was passed so that the Tote could accept bets at starting prices and compete on equal terms with their rival bookmakers.

Today, more successful than ever with 150 shops, a credit business and a computerized on-course facility, the Tote contributed more than £3 million to racing last year. An expert team is investigating privatization as a means of raising capital for expansion.

The advent of SIS, set up by the Big Four to provide live racing in betting shops, represents the biggest single advance of recent years for the industry and is already a success.

It hopes to produce £30 million in copyright fees for racecourses over the first five years, and the company is already contemplating diversification into other sports and news services, with the potential for further expansion and high profits in a few years' time.

The Bookmakers' Committee, which represents bookmakers of all sizes, this year commissioned a report by the National Economic Research Association (NERA). If the Levy Board had accepted the plan of the Committee, based on NERA's advice, racing would have received £42 million from bookmakers next year, £31 million in levy payments, at least £5 million through SIS, £1.8 million in racecourse bookmakers' fees, £1.5 million in race sponsorships, and £1 million from Tote copyright fees. Betting shop commentary fees, contributions by on-course betting shops and permits for on-course telephones would provide at least another £2 million.

The turnover predicted by NERA for 1988-89, £3.8 billion, would produce a surplus of £775 million for the bookmakers. Out of this, betting duty, VAT and corporation tax would take £360 million and operating costs £298 million. A contribution of £42 million to racing would leave

bookmakers a profit of £75 million, or 2 per cent of turnover. Is £42 million a fair contribution? Comparisons with other countries are difficult. Racing authorities abroad enjoy the benefits of Tote monopolies and receive a far greater proportion of betting turnover, but foreign governments take a proportionately lower share.

One significant problem in the United Kingdom is what is known to bookmakers as the tax on tax. The mathematics are complicated, but because duty is collected at 8 per cent and most punters pay 10 per cent tax with their bets, the tax paid by the punter is regarded as stake money by the Customs and Excise and, therefore, dutiable.

For a bookmaker paying the top rate of levy, this increases the total deduction, including duty, to 9 per cent of turnover and reduces the net profit before corporation tax. However, the Levy Board chairman, Sir Ian Trethowan, pointed out recently that arrangements made to collect duty and levy were chosen by the bookmakers.

Bookmaking is a profitable business; it provides excellent cash flow and if it were not sufficiently rewarding the funds invested would soon be placed elsewhere.

A profit of 3 per cent before corporation tax is not out of line with that enjoyed by other financial services with heavy cash flows. Also, betting shops are different from virtually all other businesses: their commodity is money, most of it recycled money. The simple fact remains that if the Levy Board's request had been granted in full, betting shops would still have continued to operate profitably.

Bookmakers have asked if racing's requirements should be defined so that their liability is limited, while racing prefers a share of the growing turnover, the greater the better.

Higher turnover, however, does not always mean higher profits for the bookmakers. If the results favour punters over a period of time turnover will be high, since stakes are returned more frequently with winnings added, and the average 20 per cent gross profit would diminish.

The advent of SIS seems to be changing the betting habits of the nation. Punters are concentrating more on single bets, race by race, as the live action is beamed to their betting shops and single bets are less profitable to the bookmakers than exotic multiple bets.

The notion persists in some quarters that bookmakers' profits are an affront, despite the assertion of the Royal Commission on Gambling in 1977, which stated

THE BIG FOUR

William Hill

Sears, Britain's foremost specialist retailer and the owner of Selfridges, also runs the William Hill betting shops. It has 905 units and has been improving its geographical coverage of the market, particularly in London and Scotland. Satellite Information Services broadcasts are available in more than 237 of its betting shops. Pre-tax profits of the William Hill organization for the half year to July 31 suffered from lower margins from

Ladbrokes

Cyril Stein's Ladbrokes Group is the world's largest commercial off-track betting organization. It trades from 1,766 units in Britain and the Republic of Ireland and has a large presence in Europe. In the United States, Ladbrokes Racing achieved a breakthrough recently when it was awarded the sole licence to conduct off-track betting operations in Wyoming by

CORAL

Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, owns Coral Racing, which has 822 betting shops in Britain and the Republic of Ireland. In addition to its share (with the other members of the Big Four) in establishing Satellite Information Services, it

MECCA

Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group fighting for control of Pillsbury, the American food group, owns Mecca, the smallest of the four national chains of betting shops in Britain. Its profit contribution to the group's UK Consumer Services division is not disclosed by Grand Metropolitan, but it is an important core business

that they were not excessive.

The racing establishment's perspective is, perhaps, an ever-remembering bunch of sour grapes after the loss of opportunity in the late 1950s, when the Jockey Club failed to persuade the Government to set up a Tote monopoly.

Certainly, Sir Ian, being aware of the profit margins in the bookmaking industry and being constantly reminded by racing authorities of the Elysian fields elsewhere, was sufficiently frustrated when negotiations broke down to point out that it was unlikely that

adverse racing results and were disappointing at £3.5 million, down from £12.5 million. But analysts expect an upturn in the second half of the year and have pencilled in full-year pre-tax profits of about £15.5 million. Hill's credit betting operations have been centralized in Leeds, and Sears' sophisticated computer communications systems enhance the group's service to punters.

the state's Part-Mutuel Commission. Racing profits rose by more than 20 per cent, to an estimated £48 million, in the first half of the year as continued technological innovation and improvement in the trading environment and customer service maintained margins at above the industry's average. Credit betting is buoyant.

has launched its own system, Coral Line. This combines animated computer graphics with live SIS broadcasts to produce what it claims to be the most advanced screen-based information system in the betting industry.

within the organization. Mecca has been a consistent cash generator and achieves a high return on capital. Mecca was the first of the big chains to develop its own 12-screen tax information system to compete with Extel's monopoly.

Geoffrey Foster

the present levy system could sustain the increases in revenue regarded by some as desirable.

A Government inquiry into the finances of the sports which generate betting — principally, horse racing and greyhound racing — would settle the issue, and helping racing achieve the level of financial benefit enjoyed by its less illustrious colleagues elsewhere.

TOMORROW

How racing in Australia is funded by betting

TENNIS

Agassi backs Lendl return

From Linda Pentz Los Angeles

For Ivan Lendl, the year 1988 will remain one to forget. It was a period in which he lost his No. 1 ranking to Mats Wilander and failed to defend his titles at the French and US Opens and, most recently, at the Masters in New York.

His quest to win the Australian Open and Wimbledon for the first time was again thwarted. Lendl suffered a further, more minor blow on Sunday when he was beaten 7-5, 6-2 by John McEnroe in an exhibition match. After stretching himself for a set, Lendl showed little of the desire and firepower in the second set that had once lifted him to the top. An early afternoon flight beckoned, and he went home to Connecticut.

But despite Lendl's adoption of the United States as his permanent home — he still awaits his citizenship — Lendl does not share the American obsession with the No. 1 ranking. Lendl has fallen from power but not, in his eyes, from grace. "I don't play to become No. 1 again," Lendl said. "I play to win the Australian Open and Wimbledon. I'd love to be No. 1 again, but if I'm going to be No. 1 again and win the French and US Opens, I'd rather be No. 7 and win the Australian and Wimbledon."

Such goals may also be yet within the grasp of McEnroe, who predicts a top five ranking



Lendl: Wimbledon target for himself by early spring. He is No. 11. "It's difficult to get back to No. 1 but I can definitely see it can be done," McEnroe said. "I feel more eager than I've felt for the last couple of years. I'd like to really make a shot at it and I feel I owe it to myself, the people who've supported me and to tennis in general."

to the master of aggression mixed with touch. Wilander won the Australian, French and US Opens in 1983, the grand slam including him at Wimbledon where Stefan Edberg triumphed.

"What he's done is backdoor his way in," McEnroe said. "There's no question Wilander had the best year but the last few months he's not shown a whole lot of interest. You have to feel mentally prepared to win as many tournaments as possible. Anything else looks bad. With Wilander, you can tell the difference with him in some tournaments and others. I can see when he's on."

Andre Agassi, Lendl, Boris Becker and himself are the four players McEnroe names as having a shot at the top in 1989. Agassi skipped Wimbledon in 1988 and will do so again next year, but promises to make his debut there in 1990.

Agassi, aged 18, is still struggling to fill the giant shoes of expectation fitted on him after he reached No. 3 during a brilliant tournament campaign in 1988. Lendl remains his nemesis, and it was Lendl to whom Agassi accorded the unofficial No. 1 ranking for 1988. "I still think he's the best player out there," Agassi said. "The bottom line is he's a better player. He's stronger than me, he's bigger than I am, his serve's harder. He's faster than me and better conditioned than me. But yes, I think I can beat him."

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Gresham's led through the hoops by Te Aute

By Michael Stevenson

Gresham's 3
Te Aute College 56

Te Aute, from Hawkes Bay, delighted Gresham's with an exhibition of Maori dancing on Monday after defeating RGS Guildford at the weekend by 40 points. Yesterday the New Zealanders gave another exhibition of power running as they romped to victory by six goals and five tries to a dropped goal.

A formidable strength of thigh and shoulder allowed the visitors to stay on their feet in the mud, tackle with awesome commitment and break all but the most resolute of tackles.

Gresham's, suffering their first defeat of the season, are a good side but the vast disparity in pace and strength proved demoralizing.

Still, Gresham's never gave up and Allison, at full back, Davies, the scrum half, and Curtis, their flanker, deserve commendation for skill and courage in adversity.

Perhaps the most sobering commentary is that Te Aute only broke even in New Zealand last season, winning seven, losing seven and drawing once. It is just as well that their seven opponents are not touring England and Wales this winter.

Hamilton, Te Aute's fast and elusive right wing, set up their first try with a good run and chip to the line, for Wawatai to score, immediately some breathtaking handling by the pack put Raumati in, No. 3 being even more impressive. The pack, running and handling like high-class centres, broke from their own 22 and Pohatu, receiving on the Gresham's 22, starred in. Allen who contributed 20 points with two tries and six conversions kicked the goal.

Gresham's came back well early in the second half but even their best moves sparked counter-attacks with Angus, among several pack members, showing spectacular pace and sidestepping ability.

By the final whistle, one was as short of superlatives — as the Gresham's lads were labouring for breath.

SCOTLAND: Gresham's Dropped goal: Allison, Te Aute: Try: Wawatai (2), Allen (2), Raumati (2), Pohatu, Farnham, Gresham's: Angus, Thompson, Conners, Allan (6).

GREYHOUND: T. Allen, J. Pitt, A. Carr, I. Hargreaves, A. Peck, L. Davies, J. Davies, G. Young, A. Turner, M. Kyrtawa, G. Grogan, G. Smith, S. Nagan, T. Curtis, T. Summers.

TE AUTE: D. Wawatai, A. Hamilton, M. Raumati, D. Allen, E. Henderson, B. Orie, F. Allen, T. Angus, D. Pohatu, H. Thompson, V. Raumati, I. Farnham, T. Summers.
Referee: J. Batters (Herts).

BOXING

A new opponent for Pyatt

By Jonathan Rendall

The withdrawal of Santos, who was unable to obtain a visa in New York, leaves Pyatt still seeking experience in world-class boxing, which he will need before going in with Robert Hines for the IBF title in March. In fact, Santos's selection had raised a few eyebrows — he had lost only to world champions in 38 bouts.

In Moore, Pyatt meets a boxer whose record suggests a promising undercard performer who never quite graduated to the main event. Tonight he gets his chance but the experience is likely to be fleeting. Moore once fought out of the feared Kronk Gym, in Detroit, and strung

together 10 consecutive knock-outs as a light-welterweight. Since that run was snapped he has got heavier and less successful. In June this year he was knocked out in nine rounds by the promising Aaron Davis in New York.

Pyatt, who is looking for his 26th victory against two defeats, will be having his third contest in three weeks. The last two have gone a combined total of four rounds and it would be a surprise if Moore lasts much longer.

On the same bill, Tony Wilson, who was to have defended his title against Collins, meets Tony Harrison, of Oklahoma.

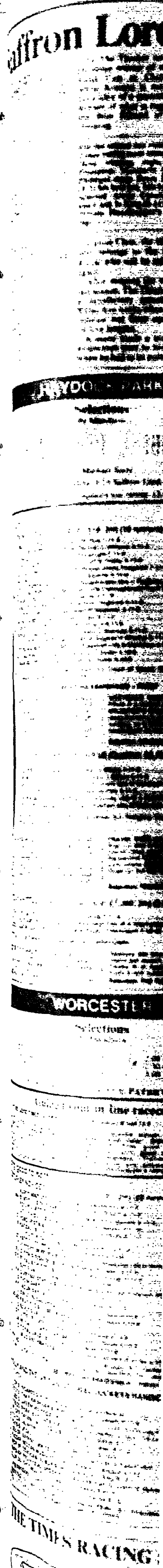
European title chance for Laing

Herold Graham, trying to be freed from his contract with Barney Eastwood, has been withdrawn by the Belfast-based manager from a three-contest world middleweight title package. It was offered to the United States cable station, Home Box Office (HBO), by the American promoter, Bob Arum, who proposed that Graham relinquish his official No. 1 position so that the World Boxing Association champion, Samu Kalambe, and Michael Nunn, the international Boxing Federation holder, could meet in a title unification fight.

But Eastwood has told Seth Abraham, an HBO executive, that he is not interested. "I have

informed HBO that Graham is the No. 1 challenger for the WBA title and that Kalambe has been ordered to make a mandatory defence against Graham in his next contest."

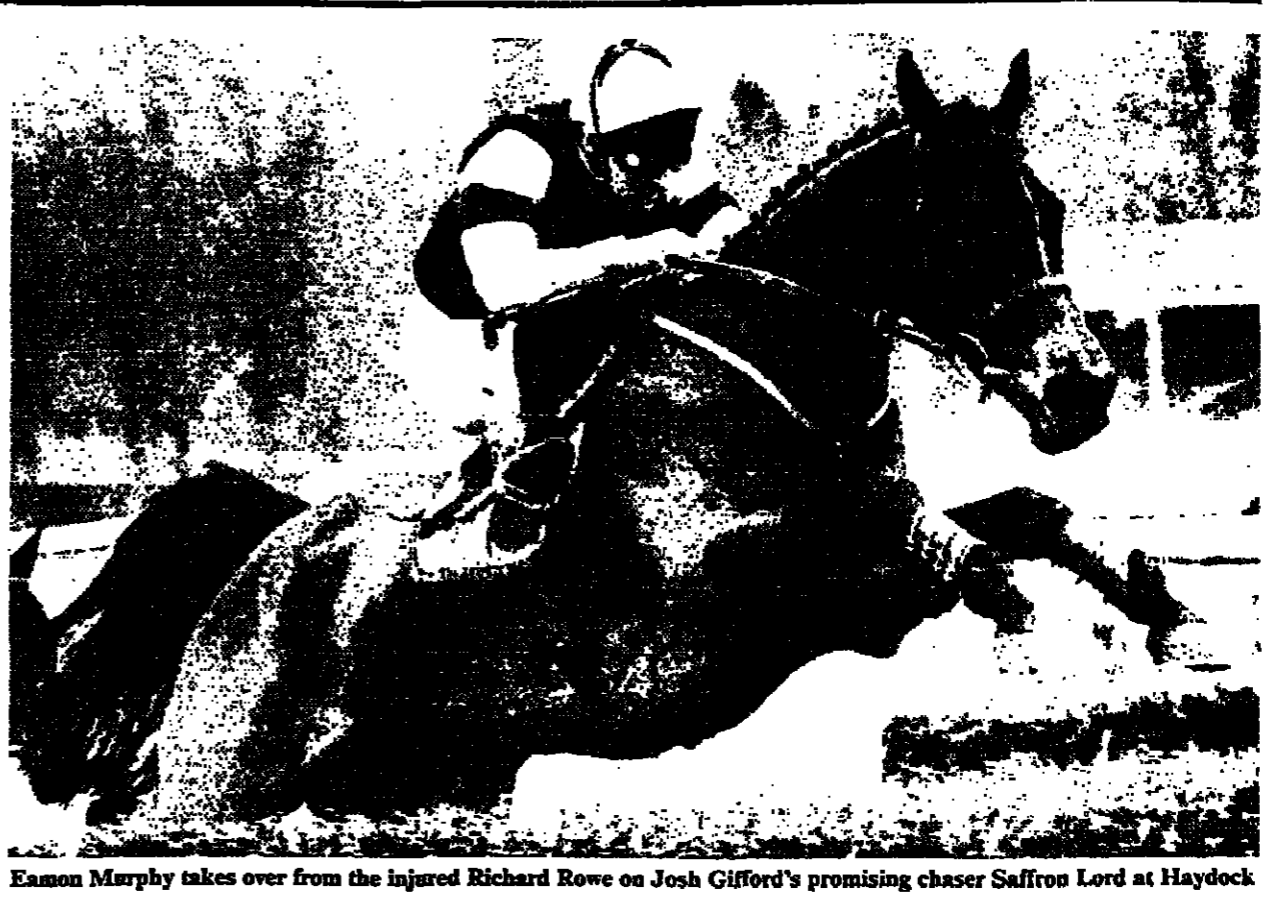
Eastwood said yesterday. "I have been asked to relinquish the No. 1 position by Arum, but I have no intention of considering any offer other than to fight directly for the title."



Saffron Lord hard to oppose

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips) The Arlington Premier Chase qualifier should turn out to be an absorbing affair at Haydock Park today...

In The Thinker we have a previous winner of the Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham, while Kissane is many people's idea of a possible future winner...



Eamon Murphy takes over from the injured Richard Rowe on Josh Gifford's promising chaser Saffron Lord at Haydock

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections By Mandarin 1.25 SONDRIO (nap), 1.15 Saffron Lord, 1.45 The Thinker...

2.15 JOHN MURRAY AND SONS HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,688: 2m 4f) (14 runners) 1 31140-4 FOREVER BLUE 14 (D.O.) (P Pined) W A Stephenson 5-12-0...

Pitman continues excellent run with first four-timer

The relentless winning surge by Jenny Pitman rolled on at full speed yesterday when the Lambourn trainer collected a 100-1 four-timer at Plumpton...

last fence and Team Challenge picked him off close home to win by a length...

Going: soft

12.45 ASHTON NOVICES HURDLE (E1,518: 2m) (18 runners) 1 SONDRIO 14 (D.O.) (Mrs J Pym) M Pipe 7-11-6...

FORM

FORM SONDRIO made a winning hunting debut when making all at last season's Tote Gold Cup...

FORM

FORM FOREVER BLUE was a favourite when a 15/1 winner from Cote D'Ivoire...

Hennessy hero tempted by Ascot's SGB prize

Strands Of Gold is likely to add to his £20,000 Ascot SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday...

Josh Gifford is hoping for rain for Ballymore, but the seven-year-old is a probable runner...

1.15 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,794: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 120-121 COOL STRIKE 18 (D.O.) (T Holmes) G Moore 7-11-8...

2.45 RIBBON CHASE (E2,872: 3m) (6 runners)

1 1131-1132 BISHOPSTON 18 (D.O.) (Mrs J Pym) M Pipe 7-11-6...

3.15 BEECHES FARM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (E1,473: 2m) (19 runners)

1 21140-4 DONNAN DALL 78 (D.O.) (Mrs J Pym) M Pipe 7-11-6...

SATURDAY'S BIG-RACE FIELD BBC1

Advanced going: good to firm 1.55 SGB HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £13,840 3m) (8 five-day declarations)

1.45 TOMMY WHITTLE CHASE (Listed race: £7,088: 3m) (3 runners)

1 81112-8 KISSANE 18 (D.O.) (Mrs J Pym) M Pipe 7-11-6...

2.30 SAINT NICHOLAS HANDICAP CHASE (E2,057: 3m) (17 runners)

1 1P- CONSUMATE 302 (D.O.) (Mrs J Pym) M Pipe 7-11-6...

3.0 TURKEY NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £680: 2m) (22 runners)

1 1222-3 INCANDESCENCE 20 (D.O.) (H White) J Edwards 9-11-10...

Plumpton results

12.30 (2m 4f) 1. HOW NOW (M Pined) 12/1, 2. Expressions (D Moore) 12/1, 3. Ewellin (S Pined) 12/1...

Sedgefield

12.45 (2m 4f) 1. DANBRO (R Fahy) 2/1, 2. Kinky Flyer (M Dwyer) 11/10 fav, 3. Ewellin (S Pined) 12/1...

Call to reopen Jarvis case

Richard Alexander, Conservative MP for Newark, is calling for the case of ex-trainer Alan Jarvis, disqualified for three years earlier this year...

WORCESTER

Selections By Mandarin 1.30 Patricio, 1.00 Thar-an-Bharr, 1.30 Merite, 2.00 Hope Cove, 2.30 Gay Moore, 3.00 Penalty Double.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (D.O.) (Mrs D Robinson) H Hall 12-0...

1.30 CHAMPAGNE SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £280: 2m 2f) (8 runners)

1 605-0 MAINTS 8 (Alan P Brewer) R Dickin 11-0...

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FOOTBALL: CLOUGH LOOKS TO FULL-STRENGTH FOREST TO ACCEPT SECOND CHANCE AGAINST LEICESTER IN LITTLEWOODS CUP

Bradford hope for confidence boost at expense of Everton

By Martin Seabury, Ian Ross and Dennis Shaw

Bradford City hope to boost their flagging morale with a victory over Everton in the Littlewoods Cup at Valley Parade tonight and they would welcome even a creditable draw to end a depressing run...

Wimbledon in tonight's Littlewoods Cup fourth round replay will be watched Stein, a forward, and Barker, a midfielder player, in a reserve match at Ipswich yesterday...

Forest, in contrast to injury-depleted Leicester, expect to have a full-strength team with the exception of Pearce, Walker, Hodge and Weaill who have all recovered from injury...

The winners have already been given home advantage in the quarter-finals against Bristol City and Bradford also have the catching third-round tie in the FA Cup, at home to Tottenham.

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Terry Gibson will be hoping to continue his recent run of goalscoring form for Wimbledon. Gibson has scored four goals in his last five League games, and his two goals in the third round of the Littlewoods Cup eliminated his former club, Manchester United.

Harmony at Old Trafford

By Ian Ross

Manly Edwards, the chairman of Manchester United, emerged from the club's annual meeting with the message that the club is in a state of harmony...

Although Edwards's position was never in doubt as he enjoys a 51 per cent shareholding at Old Trafford, he will have been delighted by the fifth round...

Despite reporting a loss of about £1.3 million for the year ended July 31 and an overdraft of more than £2 million, Edwards, like Ferguson, was the support of the vast majority of those present.

Welling set sights on cup landmark

By Paul Newman

Welling United hope to earn the right to stage the biggest match in their 25-year history when they entertain Bath City in an FA Cup second round replay tonight.

Nicky Bridgen, the Welling manager, said: "We felt we were clearly the better team on Saturday and if we can produce a similar performance in our opponent's ground..."

Sydney Hobbs formed the club in 1963 to provide a team for his sons, Barry and Graham, who are now the secretary and general manager respectively.

FA CUP

A year later went one round further before losing to Bath, their opponents tonight.

Yeovil Town go to Torquay United tonight hoping to secure a non-League record eleventh appearance in the third round.

Reading in a replay tonight after their 1-1 draw away to the third division club on Saturday. The winners will travel to Tranmere Rovers in the third round.

Kilcline sent to Coventry

By Dennis Shaw

Brian Kilcline, the Coventry City defender, faces a £1,500 fine in addition to losing the club captaincy after falling into a drink-drive trap in the third round.

Sillett said: "In this profession we have to be in the public eye and the demands made on us are many. I hope this will be a lesson to everyone connected with Coventry City FC."

Venue of irony and nostalgia

By Andrew Longmore

After 35 years at Wembley, the Varsity football match, sponsored by St Quintin, returns to the cosier atmosphere of Highbury for the 105th game of the season this afternoon.

It was claimed that Trevor Francis, a former Rangers player, would be appointed manager in succession to Jim Smith after the Littlewoods Cup fourth round replay against Wimbledon tonight.

Shreeves, who had been told on Friday that he would be given a one-month trial, said: "I cannot be held responsible for Press speculation. As far as I'm concerned, we are playing Wimbledon in a cup tie and that has got to be my only priority."

show the best face of varsity football this afternoon.

Oxford will be hoping a change of venue will at least bring a change of fortune. They lost last year through a penalty in the 91st minute and have not won since the 1972 season.

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Cambridge's results have been disappointing, with only one win and 11 defeats, but the Light Blues traditionally leave their best until the Varsity match and it is expected that favourites to continue their winning run.

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SKIING

Women's downhill is beset by problems

From Iain Macleod, Altenmarkt, Austria

Even the Austrian meteorological office, which had correctly forecast more snow, could not have foreseen yesterday's power failure which disrupted preparations for today's World Cup women's downhill event in the Zauchensee Valley.

Although there is an abundance of snow in this old market town of 3,000, the subsequent two-hour delay, during which the chairlifts and electronic timing system were temporarily out of order, forced the cancellation of one of the two practice runs.

This is one of the few Alpine regions which can boast of having snow. It fell plentifully throughout the morning and, if it did not make for the prospect of exciting racing, the town fathers can at least expect a good return for the substantial investment.

Attenmarkt is typical of the kind of Alpine hamlet for which this is not as much a sporting event as a global promotion of a tourist resort.

Swiss resources last week brought the squad to train in Schladming. Another top Canadian, Kerrin Lee, said: "It's a really hard turn which is difficult to take and you come into it very quickly. But if you don't do well there you can't expect to win."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Heat is on for Trophy showpiece

By Keith Macklin

The advantages of possessing underground heating were again spelled out for rugby league clubs yesterday when the game's showpieces, the John Player Special Trophy final, was pencilled in for a football ground, Burnden Park, Bolton, on January 7. It will be played at Central Park, because of the final by beating Bradford Northern in Saturday's semi-final at Headingley.

One of the three heated rugby league grounds, Central Park, Wigan, will stage the final if Bradford Northern win the right to meet Widnes in the final.

There is a further twist to the tale of the relationship between rugby league and football in Lancashire. In order to accommodate the final Bolton Wanderers will play their Football League game against Gillingham on the Friday evening that weekend. Anticipating criticism of this move, David Howes said: "The dangers of the ground being cut up by the soccer match are not as great as the danger of overnight frost at another ground."

Westminster rally to maintain run of success

By George Chesterton

Westminster continued their run of success when they defeated Wigan when they defeated 4-2. The home team won two ahead at half-time but Westminster came back strongly; Worthington scored twice, Schatzman and Martin a hat-trick.

Billborough Sixth Form College will represent Notts, and Oswestry go through after beating Walsley 6-2. The home team won two ahead at half-time but Westminster came back strongly; Worthington scored twice, Schatzman and Martin a hat-trick.

Martin running London

Martin, the Australian who is running the way before him, will be competing in the 1989 ADT London Marathon on April 23.

Henley put limit on entries

By Jim Railton

Henley Royal Regatta decided at its AGM yesterday to limit the number of entries to the regatta to 100 boats.

Despite this year's cool and wet regatta, the balance sheet shows a profit of £338,669 despite three extra items. There was the first annual covenanted donation to the Stewards' Charitable Trust of £52,333; expenditure on the new Regatta House of £100,000; and the new Regatta House of £100,000.

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Allen stands firm on Graveney dismissal

By David Allen

David Allen has refused to resign as chairman of the Gloucestershire cricket committee over the manner in which he dismissed Graveney from the captaincy after eight years.

Eighteen members are threatening to call a special meeting to discuss the decision. Graveney heard the news that he was no longer wanted as captain during the final home match with Worcestershire, a game in which he took 14 wickets for a personal best performance.

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Moynihan faces ID card opponents

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent
The Government is considering proposals for changes in its plans to require all football supporters to carry identity cards.

Apart from opposition from MPs and the football authorities, the Government faces strong police objections to the plan. The Police Federation, whose members will be responsible for enforcing the scheme, has said that it is ill-conceived.

He will make plain that it is not in the Government's interest to have a scheme that turns the public away from football. But he is expected to face strong opposition from MPs.

He told The Times last night that the opponents, particularly the football authorities, should "stop bleating" and get down to helping the Government draw up a scheme that was satisfactory to all.

END COLUMN

Hidden hazards in the deep end

By Adrian Moorhouse
(Britain's gold medal winner in the 100 metres breaststroke at the Seoul Olympic Games) When Rick Bailey, formerly the coach to the City of Birmingham club, turned down the job of team manager for the Great Britain swimming team for the next four years, he presented the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain with the immediate problem of finding a replacement.

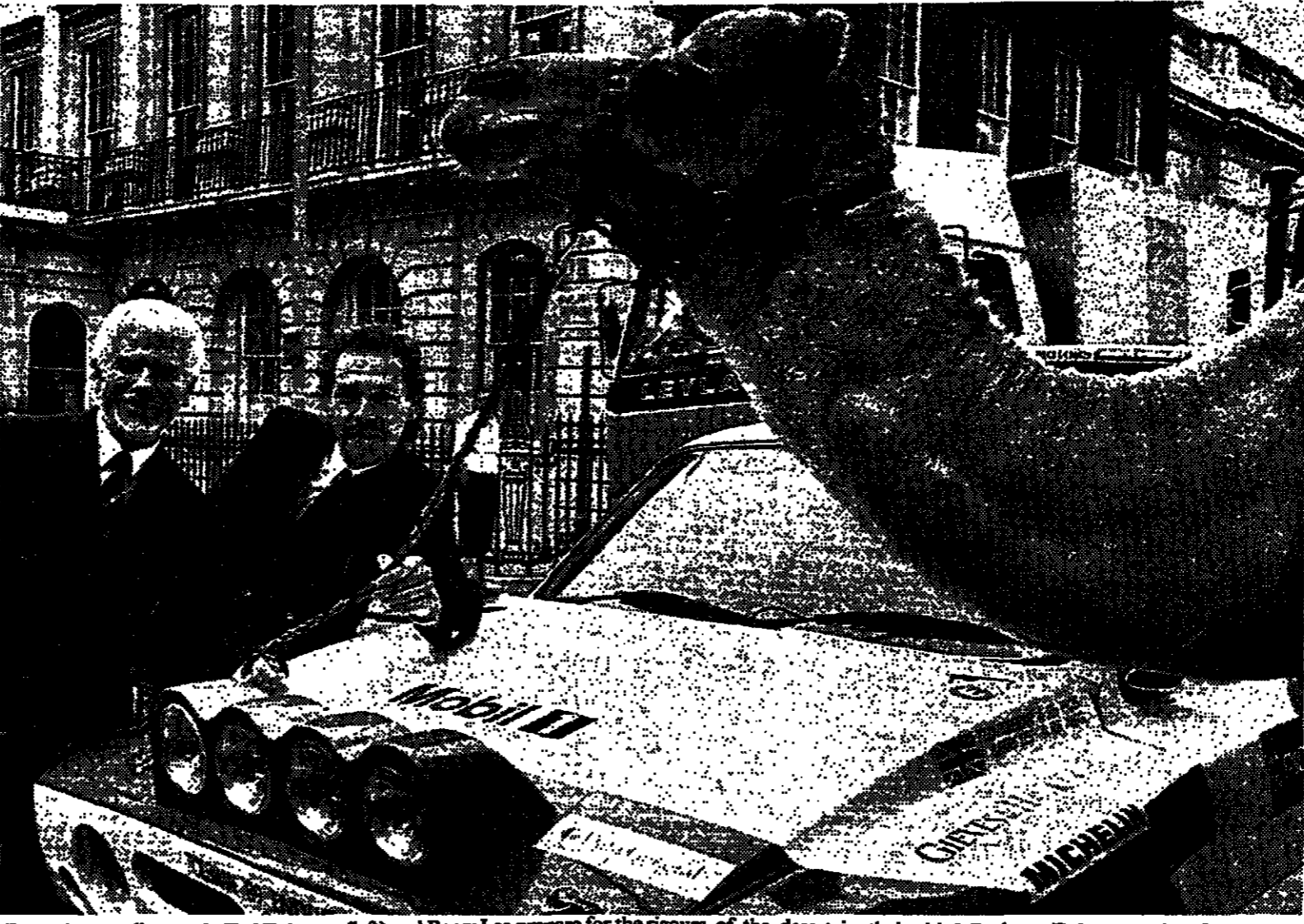
Further setback to Moorhouse

Toronto - Adrian Moorhouse still cannot get back into the swim of things after his Olympic gold medal, having had his broken hand encased in plaster for the third time on Monday (Steven Downes writes). Moorhouse broke a bone in his left hand in a motor racing accident in October, and originally expected to be out of action for six weeks. That was extended by two weeks at the end of November when X-rays showed the bone had not knitted properly.

Call to Chile shows steep fall in status of Rous Cup

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent
Chile, the latest nation in an elongated list of entrants to be asked to compete for the Rous Cup, could not have accepted the Football Association's invitation early last month when they were barred from the international arena for contravening article 33 of FIFA's statutes.

Camel-haired approach to Savile Row



From the camel's mouth: Ted Toleman (left) and Barry Lee prepare for the rigours of the desert in their third Paris to Dakar race in Savile Row

Gateshead erase memories and records of Jenkins

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent
It should hardly bother David Jenkins now, beginning a seven-year jail sentence in San Diego for marketing sports drugs, but his former British club, Gateshead Harriers, have decided to expunge his name from their record lists.

A ticket for Cruz awaits Hodkinson

By Srikanth Sen Boxing Correspondent
Boxing enthusiasts get the chance to assess how the man most likely to follow in Barry McGuigan's footsteps, Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, is shaping up when he defends his British featherweight title against Kevin Taylor, of Rochdale, at Kirkby tonight.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

More bans expected: Indianapolis (AFP) - Seven more athletes and a trainer who were involved in an unofficial tour of South Africa in October face life bans when the American Athletics Association considers their cases in Covina, California, tomorrow.

No vacancy

Perth (AFP) - The former Australian Test captain, Kim Hughes, has been dropped by Western Australia after being recalled for a single game. Hughes, aged 34, returned to the first-class scene 11 days ago when he played against New South Wales.

Neutral rinks

The neutral venues for the quarter-finals of the Liberty Trophy county bowls championship on January 7 have been arranged, with Durham, the holders, playing Lancashire at York. The other ties are Cambridgeshire v Oxfordshire (Northampton), Buckinghamshire v Devon (East Dorset) and Middlesex v Kent (Havering).

Trainer goes

Pal Csernai, the Hungarian trainer in charge of West German League strugglers, Eintracht Frankfurt, has been dismissed after only 90 days in charge.

Bruno meets Tyson

Frank Bruno flies to Los Angeles today to meet the world heavyweight champion, Mike Tyson, and his estranged manager, Bill Cayton, to confirm details of their proposed title bout on February 25. Bruno will be accompanied by his manager, Terry Lawless, and the promoter, Jarvis Astaire. An announcement regarding the bout is expected tomorrow.

Tomás Argüelles, of Panama, in six

Hodkinson is a fighter in the McGuigan mould. Having been more influenced by the Panamanian, Bernardo Ceca, than was McGuigan, the Liverpool boxer has developed his own aggressive style. He should have too many punches for Taylor. Hodkinson's body shots stopped the tough Welshman, Peter Harris, who had outpointed Taylor for the vacant title. The punches to the body should bring Taylor down as well.

Captain wants to stay

Jonathan Davies, the Welsh rugby union captain, insisted yesterday there was no need to panic as the inquest into his country's disastrous 15-9 defeat against Romania continued. Davies, who has been playing in less than half of Lanelli's 21 matches this season and admitted he may have been rusty against Romania. "Perhaps I have not played enough," he said, "but I would like to stay as Welsh captain."

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